

With US auto jobs reviving, so is Obama



President Barack Obama delivers remarks during the White House Forum on American Latino Heritage at the Department of Interior in Washington. During his remarks, Obama said he will continue to push his \$447 billion jobs bill, despite the objections of Senate Republicans who blocked the proposal last night. (Doug Mills/The New York Times)

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ORION TOWNSHIP, Mich. —

President Barack Obama arrives here Friday for yet another visit to Michigan, seeking not only the electoral votes that are essential to his re-election effort, but a platform for a far bigger message.

He has returned again and again, nine times since taking office, to argue that his decision to bail out two of the Big Three automakers helped workers here and across the industrial Midwest and to rebut criticism about the value of government intervention.

The president's path to a second term is built around winning a wide swath of states, including many with close ties to the auto industry. They are home to some of his biggest political and substantive challenges, including a depressed economy, a disenchanted middle class and a disdain for government highlighted by the Tea Party movement.

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Obama hails South Korea trade deal as win for both

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak pauses as he speaks joint meeting of Congress to thank veterans who fought in the Korean War at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. Behind are Vice President Joe Biden, left, and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, right. President Barack Obama praised a just-completed trade deal with South Korea on Thursday as he welcomed the country's president to the White House, offering warm praise for a solid ally in a world in flux.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama praised a just-completed trade deal with South Korea on Thursday as he welcomed the country's president to the White House, offering warm praise for a solid ally in a world in flux. At a joint news conference with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Obama

held up the deal, Obama said, "I'm very pleased it will help level the playing field for American automakers." Obama is scheduled to take Lee with him Friday to the Detroit, Michigan, area, the center of the U.S. auto industry, to tour a General Motors plant. Lee said the trade deal, which still requires approval from South Korea's legislature, "will mark a turning point in the enduring alliance between our two nations" and called it "a historic achievement

troops remain based in South Korea as a deterrent. Lee's state visit, which began officially Thursday morning with a South Lawn arrival ceremony full of pomp and circumstance despite persistent rain, gave Obama a chance to celebrate a political victory after going to Seoul last November to announce a free-trade pact with Lee — only to stand with his ally empty-handed because their negotiators had been unable to finish the deal.

For Obama, it was a rare bipartisan achievement amid political gridlock over his jobs agenda heading into his re-election campaign, and the president promoted it as proof of his ability to work with the opposition. "This trade deal, this Korea free trade act, shows we are happy to work with Republicans where they are willing to put politics behind the interests of the American people," Obama said.

Lawmakers gave Lee a rousing reception later as he became the first Korean president in 13 years to address a joint meeting of Congress. Speaking to an audience wearing headsets to hear the translation of his speech delivered in Korean language, Lee described the U.S.-South Korean alliance as one forged in the blood of the 1950-53 Korean War and sustained by a shared belief in economic and political freedom. □



President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama stand with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and first lady Kim Yoon-ok as they welcome them to a State Dinner at the White House in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

said the long-delayed trade pact approved late Wednesday by Congress is "a win for both our countries," and that he and Lee had agreed to move forward with it quickly.

Obama said the deal would increase U.S. exports by \$11 billion and support 70,000 jobs, while opening Korea's market to more U.S. goods. Alluding to an issue that

that will become a significant milestone."

It is America's biggest free-trade agreement since the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico.

The pact will elevate the U.S.-South Korean alliance, traditionally defined by their opposition to communist-governed North Korea.

More than 28,000 U.S.

With US auto jobs on rebound, so is candidate Obama

Continued from Front

A handful of states he carried in 2008 could slip away, but Democrats believe Obama cannot lose Michigan, fearing that other states will be even harder to hold. The shifting demographics, along with deep economic burdens,

bate this week, declaring: "Should they have used the funds to bail out General Motors and Chrysler? No, that was the wrong source for that funding."

But more than two years after the White House offered a government lifeline to help the industry survive the recession



President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama stand with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and first lady Kim Yoon-ok as they welcome them to a State Dinner at the White House in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011.

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have snapped the Democratic Party's recent hold on the state and given Republicans confidence that Michigan is again one of the country's most fiercely competitive battlegrounds. Mitt Romney, who was born in Michigan and chose the birthplace of the U.S. automobile to announce his presidential bid at the Henry Ford Museum four years ago, has denounced the rescue of the industry. He repeated his position at a Republican presidential de-

and a credit crunch, the General Motors assembly plant here has roared to life, producing the only subcompact car made on U.S. soil, the Chevrolet Sonic. On Friday, Obama will tour a downsized version of the plant in Lake Orion, which Ronald Reagan came to dedicate in 1984. Reagan had won the White House with the help of middle-class Democrats in Oakland County and the surrounding suburbs of Detroit. □

In congress, calls to limit Pentagon cuts

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WASHINGTON — Leading members of Congress joined the defense secretary and the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Thursday in arguing against any additional cuts in military spending as a special committee seeks to find more than a trillion dollars in new savings in the overall budget.

The Pentagon is already struggling to meet an order to cut more than \$450 billion over the next decade, but a number of budget analysts and advocates for social programs say the military may have to give up even more.

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta has said the current budget cuts, while manageable, will be difficult to carry out.

But he has warned of the "catastrophic" effects if the special budget committee fails to find at least \$1.2 trillion in additional spending cuts by late November. In case of such a stalemate, a system called sequestration kicks in, which would

automatically slash an estimated additional \$600 billion from the Pentagon. If that occurs, Panetta said Thursday, "it'll truly devastate our national defense." Some experts predict that a middle ground may emerge: The budget panel may find nearly all the required savings, and to avoid the pain of sequestration, the Defense Department will be ordered to find additional savings — but less than \$600 billion. According to Panetta, even that would be unacceptable, and he said Thursday that President Barack Obama agreed with him.

During a hearing of the House Armed Services Committee, Panetta was asked by Rep. William M. Thornberry, R-Texas, whether he believed that no further cuts in the military budget should be made beyond those already enacted.

"Correct," Panetta replied. When asked whether Obama shared that view, the defense secretary stated, "He does."



Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, left, and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testify before the House Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Oct. 13, 2011. During his testimony, Panetta warned today that hefty cuts in the nation's military budget that go beyond the \$450 billion already planned could have devastating consequences. (Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

Whether politics — and the desire to avoid sequestration — will allow the Pentagon to avoid any additional budget cuts remains an unknown, but one that has planners across the military deeply worried.

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, assured Congress that he remained "fully committed to reducing costs without compromising our nation's security needs."

But he warned that "these choices need to be deliberate and precise."

"Indiscriminate cuts," Dempsey said, "would cause self-inflicted and potentially irrevocable wounds to our national security."

Their assessment was endorsed by senior House members, starting with Rep. Howard P. McKeon, the California Republican who is chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

"Too many appear to believe that we can maintain a solid defense that is driven by budget choices, not strategic ones," McKeon said. "Defense has contributed more than half of the deficit reduction measures taken to date."

There are some in government who want to use the military to pay for the rest, to protect the sacred cow that is entitlement spending. Not only should that be a non-starter from a national security and economic perspective, but it should also be a non-starter from a moral perspective. □

Man convicted in '07 home invasion

JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — A man was convicted Thursday of killing a woman and her two daughters during a gruesome 2007 home invasion in which family members were tied up, molested, doused in gas and left to die in a fire.

Joshua Komisarjevsky was found guilty of capital felony killing, kidnapping, sexual assault, arson and other charges. The same jury will later decide whether he should be sentenced to death or life in prison.

His co-defendant, Steven Hayes, was sentenced to death last year after he was convicted of raping and strangling Jennifer Hawke-Petit and killing her daughters, who died of smoke inhalation.

The crime in the affluent New Haven suburb so



Dr. William Petit Jr., left, addresses the media outside Superior Court in New Haven after a verdict in trial of Joshua Komisarjevsky in New Haven, Conn., Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. Joshua Komisarjevsky was convicted Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 of capital felony and other charges related to the beating of Dr. William Petit Jr., and the killing of his wife Jennifer Hawke-Petit and their two daughters in a July 2007 home invasion in Cheshire, Conn.

(AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

unsettled the state that it bolstered efforts to retain the death penalty and led to a newly defined crime of home invasion.

During more than two weeks of testimony, prosecutors played an audiotaped confession in which Komisarjevsky spoke matter-of-factly and laughed occasionally. He admitted beating Dr. William Petit with a bat and molesting his younger daughter and taking photos of her, but insisted Hayes wanted to kill the family because he was worried about his DNA at the scene.

Komisarjevsky, 31, said Hayes poured the gas and lit the fire, but test results showed he had gas on his clothes. They also showed the girl he molested had bleach on her clothes, undermining his claim that only Hayes was worried about DNA. □

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Custody battle fueled killings at salon

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LOS ANGELES – The gunman who killed eight people at a Seal Beach, Calif., hair salon Wednesday afternoon may have been enraged by a custody fight with his former wife, who worked at the salon, according to friends and family members of some of the victims. The Seal Beach police have identified the suspect as Scott E. DeKraai, 42, of nearby Huntington Beach, who was arrested without incident soon after the rampage. He faces multiple counts of murder. The massacre rocked the small, usually quiet seaside city, where many residents knew at least one of the victims. Six people were found dead inside the salon by the time the authorities arrived, and two more died later that day after they were taken to a local hospital.

The lone surviving victim, a woman, remains in critical condition, according to the police. Richele Steele, a spokeswoman for Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, would not confirm the patient's identity, but said that her condition was improving.

The police did not identify any of the victims Thursday, nor would they speculate about a motive. But several friends and relatives of the victims suspected DeKraai had targeted his ex-wife, a hairdresser at Salon Meritage.

Jody Davis sat outside a nearby library Wednesday evening, where many local residents had gathered, crying and awaiting confirmation that her sister, who worked at the salon, was among the victims. She said DeKraai and his ex-wife had been involved in a long fight over custody of their young son.



A woman reads messages left at a memorial in front of Salon Meritage in Seal Beach, Calif., on Oct. 13, 2011. A gunman killed eight people and severely injured another at the beauty salon Wednesday.

(Monica Almeida/The New York Times)

"I'm angry," Davis said. "It was selfish on his part. I know they were in court hearings and he wasn't winning, and this was his way to win. Now the son

loses."

In addition, Lydia Sosa, a former salon employee, said that a tugboat accident several years ago – which killed another mem-

ber of the crew and left DeKraai disabled – had led to a severe change in his demeanor. "He has never been the same since," Sosa said. □

Landlord cracks down on NY demo as protests spread

NEW YORK (AP) — Protests against corporate greed and corruption are spreading across the United States into Canada and the United Kingdom, just as the New York demonstration that started the movement faces a crackdown by its unwilling landlord. The owner of the private park where "Occupy Wall Street" protesters have been camped out for nearly a month in lower Manhattan gave notice Thursday that it will begin enforcing regulations that prohibit everything from lying down on benches to storing personal property on the ground.



New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said that protesters can remain in the park after the cleaning but will not be able to

use the gear that has allowed them to sleep, eat and live in the park. "After it's cleaned, they'll be able to come back, but

they won't be able to bring back the gear, the equipment, sleeping bags," Kelly said. "That sort of thing will not be able to be brought back into the park." The landlord, Brookfield Office Properties, handed out a notice to protesters saying they would be allowed back inside after a planned park cleanup on Friday morning if they abide by park regulations. The notice said the 12-hour, section-by-section cleaning is slated to begin 7 a.m. Friday (1100 GMT) and is part of daily upkeep, and that conditions have deteriorated in recent weeks because that upkeep was

put on hold by the protesters. Mayor Michael Bloomberg visited the protesters Wednesday to offer assurances they would not be evicted. Bloomberg's girlfriend, Diana Taylor, is on Brookfield's board of directors, according to the property owner's website. Protesters said they believe the effort is an attempt to end their encampment at Zuccotti Park, a three-quarter acre (one-third hectare) open square near the New York Stock Exchange, which triggered a movement against unequal distribution of wealth that has spread across the globe. □

Amish wife:

Charges not meant for revenge

ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
AP Legal Affairs Writer
CARROLLTON, Ohio (AP) —

An Amish woman whose husband's beard was cut by members of a break-away Amish group said Thursday that the family isn't pressing charges as a means of revenge but rather to get help for the people in the other settlement. Arlene Miller said word spread quickly of such an attack in Trumbull County last month and the family was wary when several men came to their door late one night last week. Unbeknownst to Arlene Miller and her husband, Myron, a similar attack occurred just a couple of hours earlier in



Photos provided by the Jefferson County Sheriffs Department shows, from left, Levi Miller, Johnny Mullet, and Lester Mullet, of Bergholz, Ohio. These three men and two others suspected of forcefully cutting the beards of fellow Amish were arraigned Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, and released on \$50,000 bonds posted by the leader of their breakaway group.

(AP Photo/Jefferson County Sheriffs Department, File)

nearby Holmes County.

"Normally the Amish try to

stay out of court. We believe in, 'brother against

brother shouldn't go to court for revenge,'" Ar-

lene Miller told The Associated Press from the family's home in rural eastern Ohio. "But in this case this is not for revenge that we're doing this. This is so these people can get help."

Miller, 46, also said the beard cutting, apparently meant to shame its victims because of the high esteem in which Amish beards are held, is unheard of. "It's messed up. It's some bizarre stuff," she said. "I've never heard of it, and I think I can safely say it never happened in the Amish community."

Five men are accused of cutting the beard of an Amish man in Holmes County the same night. □

A love affair gone bad:

1,001 calls, 712 emails and a 5-foot sword

SUSAN CARROLL

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In the span of 24 hours, she allegedly called her ex-lover 146 times. Police said she shattered several of the windows of his west Houston home, first with a tire iron, and then with a 5-foot sword. She is accused of egging his house on several occasions, and posting pictures of herself bragging about it on her Facebook page. Police say Toni Jo Silvey, 49, still reeling from a 2009 breakup with Houston leather artist Peter Main, also created an Internet persona - "woundedpoetic soul" - that turned out to be very wounded indeed. Silvey was arrested on Tuesday and charged with felony stalking. Court records show a magistrate set Silvey's bail at \$25,000 and ordered her not to contact Main. She remained in Harris County Jail on Wednesday.

In June, Silvey started a blog that detailed the breakdown of their relationship and her post-breakup bad behavior in excruciating

detail, calling him names and posting rambling rants about his relationship with a younger woman.

Silvey's criminal defense attorney, James Madison Ardoin III, declined comment Wednesday.

Main, 62, did not respond to a voicemail or an email seeking comment. Main told police officers he dated Silvey briefly in 2009 and has been reluctant to file charges against her because "he is afraid of angering (her) further."

Main told police that Silvey called him 1,001 times and sent him 712 emails over a span of less than three months, starting in mid-June. One day in August, she allegedly called

him 146 times, investigators said.

According to the probable-cause affidavit in the case, Silvey started the blog in June, where she vacillated between name-calling, waxing philosophical about the end of their relationship and openly taunting Main.

The blog also includes excerpts of what appear to be emails between Main and another woman. Main reported that his email account was hacked in February.

Main told police he did not change his phone or email because he is self-employed and "it would be detrimental to his business." □

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Sufferers of eating disorders see hope in a court ruling

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People with eating disorders like anorexia have opened up a new battleground in the insurance wars, testing the boundaries of laws mandating equivalent coverage for mental illnesses. Through claims and court cases, those with severe cases of anorexia or bulimia are fighting insurers to pay for stays in residential treatment centers, arguing that the centers offer around-the-clock monitoring so that patients do not forgo eating or purge their meals. But in the past few years, some insurance companies have re-emphasized that they do not cover residential treatment for eating disorders or other mental or emotional conditions.

The insurers consider residential treatments not only costly – sometimes reaching more than \$1,000 a day – but unproven and more akin to education than to medicine. Even some doctors who treat eating disorders concede there are few studies proving that residential care is effective, although they believe it has value. “We’ve seen an increase in denials,” said Kathleen MacDonald, education and prevention coordinator for the Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation, an advocacy group for those with eating disorders. “Now, I go to bed every night and I can’t answer all the emails I get. It’s heartbreaking.” Both sides are closely watching the consequences of a ma-



Jeanene Harlick, who won a major lawsuit against her insurance provider in a case that stemmed from her care for an eating disorder, at her home with her dog Franny, in San Mateo, Calif. An appellate court said that mental health parity laws mandate coverage of residential treatment for mental illnesses, including anorexia and other eating disorders.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

major decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled in August that insurers in California must pay for residential treatment for eating disorders and other serious mental illnesses under the state’s mental health parity law. In the past decade or so, many states enacted similar laws, and, in 2008, so did the federal government. The laws generally require that coverage for mental

and behavioral disorders be equivalent to that for physical ailments like diabetes or a broken bone. But equivalence, or parity, can be tricky to define, and the appeals court ruling is one of the first by a high federal court to interpret the concept. Blue Shield of California, the defendant in the lawsuit, is already seeking to have the case reheard, arguing that the decision could force insur-

ers to pay for unlimited amounts of treatment, raising insurance costs. While the ruling applies only to California’s law, some experts think it will influence courts, state agencies and insurers elsewhere. “You’ll see it bleed over,” said Scott Petersen, a lawyer in Salt Lake City who often represents insurance companies in parity cases. In New Jersey, Aetna, Horizon and AmeriHealth have agreed to end limits on the number of days of residential treatment they will cover for eating disorders, according to Bruce Nagel, a lawyer who sued the insurers under the state’s parity law. The Parity Implementation Coalition, a group monitoring the federal parity law, has filed about 150 complaints about possible violations, according to Dr. Henry Harbin, a psychiatrist and adviser to the group. Some cases involve denial for residential treatment for substance abuse or mental illnesses by plans offered by companies like Walmart and Coca-Cola Bottling. □

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Rajaratnam sentenced to 11 years for insider trading

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NEW YORK — The fallen hedge fund billionaire Raj Rajaratnam on Thursday received the longest prison sentence ever for insider trading, a watershed moment in the government's aggressive two-year campaign to root out the illegal exchange of confidential information on Wall Street. Judge Richard J. Holwell sentenced Rajaratnam, the former head of the Galleon Group hedge fund, to 11 years in prison and fined him \$10 million and ordered him to forfeit \$53.8 million. A jury convicted Rajaratnam of securities fraud and conspiracy in May after a two-month trial. Calling him "the modern face of illegal insider trading," prosecutors accused Rajaratnam of using a corrupt network of well-placed tipsters — including former executives of Intel, IBM and the consulting firm McKinsey & Co. — to illicitly gain about \$70 million. "Insider trading is an assault on the free markets," Holwell said. "His crimes reflect a virus in our business culture that needs to be eradicated."

Rajaratnam, 54, showed no emotion as the judge read his sentence in a packed courtroom. The native of Sri Lanka, who has not spoken publicly since his arrest in October 2009 and declined to testify at his trial, did not speak at the sentencing. His wife, absent from the trial, sat stoically in the spectators' gallery during the hour-long proceeding.

At 11 years, the sentence lacks the symbolic heft of the range of 19 to 24 years that the government had sought under federal sentencing guidelines. At Thursday's hearing, Reed

Brodsky, a federal prosecutor, said Rajaratnam deserved an outsize penalty because his crimes were "brazen, pervasive and egregious" and "there is no one who is Mr. Rajaratnam's equal in terms of the breadth and scope of his insider-trading crimes."

In imposing his sentence, Holwell cited a number of mitigating factors that he said caused him to hand down a term that was substantially lower than the nonbinding federal guidelines. He said Rajaratnam's "good works figure into the equation," citing his financial help for victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka, the earthquakes in Pakistan and the Sept. 11 attacks. Holwell also disclosed that



Raj Rajaratnam, founder of the hedge fund Galleon Group, exits federal court in New York, Oct. 13, 2011. On Thursday, Rajaratnam was ordered to serve 11 years in prison, one of the longest sentences on record in an insider-trading case but less than prosecutors had sought.

(John Marshall Mantel/The New York Times)

Rajaratnam had advance diabetes that was leading to kidney failure and said that prison "is a more intense experience for people with serious health conditions." "Some form of forbearance, however constrained by circumstance, is fundamental to our system of justice and appropriate here," the judge said. Nevertheless, Rajaratnam's prison sentence continues a trend of ever-stiffer penalties against white-collar criminals. Legal experts say the increased prison terms are in part a result of federal sentencing guidelines passed in 1987 that link the length of a sentence to the dollar amount involved in the fraud. □



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French prosecutor drops Strauss-Kahn case

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French prosecutors say Dominique Strauss-Kahn did something to a writer that qualifies as sexual assault, but they can't send him to trial because it happened too long ago and they are dropping the case.

Thursday's announcement is a legal victory, but a moral embarrassment for the suave, assured, and married economist who earlier this year led the International Monetary Fund and was on track to seek the French presidency.

The Paris prosecutor's office said it has dropped an investigation into writer Tristane Banon's claim that he tried to rape her during a 2003 interview for a book the then-23-year-old was writing.

But it said — without offering details — that Strauss-



Tristane Banon, the French writer who claims former IMF chief Dominique Strauss Kahn tried to rape her in 2003. The Paris prosecutor's office has dropped an investigation into a French writer's claim that Dominique Strauss-Kahn tried to rape her. The prosecutor's office announced Thursday Oct. 13, 2011 that it is closing the case, prompted by a complaint by writer Tristane Banon. (AP Photo/Eric Feferberg)

Kahn admitted during questioning to actions that qualify for the lesser charge of sexual assault.

Strauss-Kahn's lawyer told The Associated Press that the ex-IMF chief admitted only that he tried to kiss Banon without her consent and she refused.

Under French law, sexual assault is an attack that does not involve an attempt to penetrate the victim. Prosecutors can't pursue the charge because the statute of limitations is three years. On attempted rape, it's 10 years.

"For lack of sufficient elements of evidence, pros-

ecution cannot be undertaken on the charge of attempted rape," the prosecutor's office said in a statement. However, it added that "facts that can be qualified as sexual assault have been acknowledged." The prosecutor's unusual statement revived questions about Strauss-Kahn's behavior toward women that have trailed him throughout his decades in French politics but that remained largely ignored by mainstream French media. In France, politicians' private lives have traditionally been considered off-limits. □

UN debates resolution on Yemen

EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Key members of the U.N. Security Council are considering a Yemen resolu-

tion that would call for an immediate cease-fire and transfer of power amid reports the security situation in the Middle Eastern nation is deteriorating rapidly.

The British-drafted resolution, obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, demands that Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh step down in return for immunity from any prosecution.

The resolution is being discussed by the five veto-wielding permanent council members, and earlier this week, Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said Moscow preferred a weaker presidential statement. But Churkin told reporters Thursday that he was now beginning to look at a legally binding resolution.

France's United Nations Ambassador Gerard Araud said he was pessimistic Wednesday about council adoption of a resolution, but was more positive Thursday saying "the Russians are permanently moving into the direction of a resolution." □

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Caribbean News Briefs

Drilling rig to arrive by 2011

HAVANA (AP) — A Chinese-made oil rig is on schedule to arrive off Cuba and begin drilling before the end of 2011, a spokesman for Spanish oil company Repsol YPF said Thursday. Spokesman Kristian Rix would neither confirm nor deny recent reports of delays as the Scarabeo-9 rig travels to the Caribbean island, but he said the project has always been based on a window of time and things are still on schedule. He said it's impossible to predict exact dates for such a complex undertaking as transporting the huge offshore rig, which is capable of housing up to 200 workers. Repsol holds the rights to an exploration block off Cuba covering more than 1,700 square miles (nearly 4,500 square kilometers), according to its 2010 annual report. Earlier this year it signed a contract with Italy's Saipem SpA to lease the Scarabeo-9 rig for drilling operations in Cuba. According to geologic studies conducted by several institutions, some of them U.S.-based, Cuba's reserves in the Gulf of Mexico could be 5 billion to 9 billion barrels of crude. The Cuban government has designated dozens of blocks in Gulf waters encompassing 43,200 square miles (112,000 square kilometers) where private energy companies plan to drill deep-water test wells. □

Federal agents dismantle gang

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Federal agents in Puerto Rico have dismantled a gang suspected of 25 killings and accused of dominating drug trafficking operations in the Caribbean's largest public housing complex, authorities said Thursday. More than 450 FBI agents and Puerto Rico police served 43 of 82 arrest warrants at the Luis Llorens Torres complex in the capital of San Juan, targeting a gang called 4th street, officials said. The group had been operating since 2007 and ran an \$8 million-a-year business as the largest of three gangs within the complex, said Carmen Marquez, assistant U.S. attorney. The suspects face grand jury charges including possession and distribution of cocaine, heroin, crack cocaine, marijuana and the prescription drug Oxycodone. The gang tried to kill members of rival gangs as well as steal drugs from them, said U.S. Attorney Rosa Emilia Rodriguez. Police Chief Emilio Diaz Colon said the gang controlled 79 of the 140 buildings in the housing complex, which has 2,500 units. □

Wind farm to be Caribbean's largest

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Fortuno says the Caribbean's largest wind farm will be built in the U.S. territory in a bid to reduce the island's dependence on oil. Fortuno says the \$250 million project is financed by San Francisco-based Pattern Energy and will feature 44 turbines capable of providing power to about 25,000 homes.

The Santa Isabela wind farm will start operating by next September and generate up to 75 megawatt hours of energy as part of a 20-year deal with the state-owned Electric Energy Authority. Thursday's announcement comes a week after Fortuno announced that the Caribbean's largest solar energy project will be built in Puerto Rico.

The U.S. territory relies on oil to generate 70 percent of its power. □

Call for all Myanmar inmates to be freed

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)

— A human rights group and prominent activist on Thursday called for Myanmar to free all of its political prisoners after only about 10 percent of an estimated 2,000 were released under a presidential amnesty. The Thailand-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (Burma) said the amnesty for 6,359 convicts was insincere and primarily an effort to appease the international community. It estimated that at least 207 political prisoners had been freed.

"The use of amnesties by past regimes has come at times of mounting international pressure and been used as tokens of change, rather than substance of change," it said in a state-



A Myanmar man holds a placard during a demonstration against Myanmar's President Thein Sein in New Delhi, India, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. Sein is on a four-day official visit to India from Oct. 12 to 15.

(AP Photo/Manish Swarup)

ment. "This week's prisoner release does not suggest anything different from earlier amnesties."

A major release of political detainees has been eagerly awaited by Myanmar's opposition, as well as foreign governments and the U.N., as a gesture toward liberalization by the elected government after decades of harsh military rule. A failure to release a significant number could hamper the country's efforts to burnish its human rights record and win a lifting of Western economic and political sanctions.

John Kerry, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Thursday the releases were the most recent sign that Myanmar's President Thein Sein and his advisers "seem to be distancing themselves from the failed policies of the past." □

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Mexican army captures major alleged cartel figure

MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican army said Thursday it captured a top drug cartel lieutenant who allegedly ordered an arson attack at a casino in northern Mexico that killed 52 people.

News of the capture of Carlos Oliva Castillo, alias "The Frog," a reputed leader of the extremely violent Zetas cartel, may have been the cause of a bloody fight between gang members at a prison outside Monterrey, the city in which the arson occurred in August. Seven inmates died.

Oliva Castillo's capture Wednesday by soldiers in the northern city of Saltillo unleashed violence almost immediately, as his associates tried to spring him from custody, said a Defense Department spokesman, Col. Ricardo Trevilla.

Zetas gunmen opened fire



Soldiers stand guard by Carlos Oliva Castillo, alias "La Rana", or "The Frog," center, and two other detainees, Juan Carlos Garza Rodriguez, head of Carlos Oliva Castillo's security detail, left, and Irasema Lopez Garza, the girlfriend of Carlos Oliva Castillo, right, during their presentation to the press at the Defense Department in Mexico City, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. Defense Department spokesman Ricardo Trevilla says Carlos Oliva Castillo is the No. 3 figure in the Zetas drug cartel and was in charge of Zeta operations in the key northern states of Tamaulipas, Coahuila and Nuevo Leon.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

on security forces in an attempt to distract soldiers and rescue Castillo, a sign of his importance to the criminal organization, Trevilla said.

The firing went on for several hours and caused panic

in the city.

Drug cartel gunmen in Mexico rarely attack authorities in a bid to free arrested leaders.

Rival gangs of prison inmates began fighting early Thursday, said Jorge

Domene, security spokesman for Nuevo Leon state. Four prisoners were burned to death and three others were stabbed to death with homemade knives, Domene said.

Soldiers had to be called in to restore order in the prison, which is in the Monterrey suburb of Cadereyta.

Domene said the fight may have been a reaction to Oliva Castillo's detention, but the cause was still under investigation.

The death or capture of top drug cartel operators often unleashes a wave of violence as rivals seek to fill the leadership vacuum.

Oliva Castillo allegedly led the Zetas gang on its home turf, in the northern Gulf coast state of Tamaulipas, as well as in the important northern battleground states of Coahuila, where Saltillo is located, and Nuevo Leon.

He ranked third in impor-

tance to the two top Zeta leaders, Heriberto "Lazca" Lazcano and Miguel Angel Trevino, Trevilla said.

The stocky 37-year-old was flown to Mexico City and presented, handcuffed and unblinking, to journalists.

Trevilla said there are "several pieces of evidence" indicating that Oliva Castillo ordered a subordinate, Francisco Medina Mejia, to pour gasoline in and set fire to the Royale casino in Monterrey on Aug. 25.

Investigators have identified or arrested more than a dozen suspects in the attack, which they say appears to have been triggered by the owners' refusal to pay protection money to the Zetas.

Oliva Castillo was detained along with his presumed girlfriend and his chief bodyguard at a safe house where soldiers found two rifles and pistols. □

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Jova death toll raised up to 6

MANZANILLO, Mexico (AP) — Mexican authorities on Thursday raised to six the death toll from Hurricane Jova, which hit along the Pacific coast as a Category 2 storm, and warned the storm's remnants could affect opening ceremonies of the Pan American Games. The body of a man who apparently had been swept away by a river current was found covered with mud in the town of Cihuatlan in Jalisco state, said civil protection spokesman Juan Pablo Vigueras. The games are scheduled to open in Jalisco on Friday. The five other victims drowned, were killed by mudslides or died in a collapsed house. Rain from the remnants of Jova may change the open-air inauguration of the Pan American Games in the western city of Guadalajara, said Bernardo de la Garza, Mexico's top sports official. Heavy rain falling on Mexico's west coast also may affect training sessions for the games' triathlon, sailing and beach volleyball, he said. □

Weather gives boost to plans for ship

NATACHA PISARENKO

Associated Press

TAURANGA, New Zealand (AP) — The calmest weather in days has given salvage crews hope they will be able on Friday to resume pumping the remaining fuel from a cargo ship stuck on a New Zealand reef.

The ship *Rena* has already spilled hundreds of tons of oil and crews are in a race against nature to try and remove the remaining fuel before waves break up the vessel, which has begun to crack apart and is leaning on a 22-degree tilt.

Last week crews removed about 10 tons of oil before the weather forced them to postpone salvage attempts. Environmentalists have warned of a disaster for wildlife if all the ship's 1,870 tons (1,700 metric tons) of oil and 220 tons (200 metric tons) of diesel is allowed to spill into the ocean.

Nick Bohm, a spokesman for Maritime New Zealand which is managing the emergency response, told The Associated Press Friday that crews are "relatively

positive" they can proceed with plans to board the vessel and begin pumping oil to a nearby barge. He said pumping should begin Friday afternoon in an opera-



People try to empty a container that unloaded debris after it was washed up on Mount Maunganui beach this morning from the Liberian-flagged container ship *Rena* stuck aground on a reef off the coast of Tauranga, New Zealand, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. A salvage crew finally managed to board a cargo ship that has spilled hundreds of tons of oil since striking a reef off New Zealand, but no decisions had been made Thursday on whether oil can be pumped from the ship before the vessel breaks up. (AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

tion that could last several days. Bohm said there are stronger winds forecast for the weekend which may hamper the operation. Meanwhile, several of the 88 containers that have

fallen off its deck had washed ashore by Friday, and authorities confirmed one container that toppled overboard contained a hazardous substance.

Heavy seas had kept salvage crews away from the 775-foot (236-meter) Liberian-flagged *Rena* for days, but better weather Thursday allowed crews to board the vessel for about six hours to check systems. The *Rena* ran aground Oct. 5 on Astrolabe Reef, 14 miles (22 kilometers) from Tauranga Harbour on New Zealand's North Island.

Ewart Barnsley, another spokesman for Maritime New Zealand, said the salvage crew found oil hoses and pumps for transferring fuel largely undamaged aboard the ship. They also concluded that the ship was safe to work from. Barnsley said a barge was moored nearby to receive oil.

Marine New Zealand salvage manager Bruce Anderson said the vessel has appeared to have stopped moving, which was necessary before pumping operations can resume. □

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For Bachmann's law school, god and justice were the same

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TULSA, Okla. — Michele Bachmann was 22 and newly married when, in the fall of 1979, she and 53 other aspiring lawyers arrived on the manicured campus of Oral Roberts University here. They were the inaugural class in an unusual educational experiment: a law school rooted in charismatic Christian belief. "We hope to guide our students to a deeper understanding of their spiritual gifts and of their place in God's kingdom," the school's dean, Charles Kothe, wrote in the first edition of its law review, *The Journal of Christian Jurisprudence*. The aim, he said, was to train the next generation of legal minds

But the far more formative experience was one she rarely discusses in front of secular audiences: the legal education she received at Oral Roberts University, founded by the Christian televangelist and Pentecostal faith healer of that name. It was, one fellow student recalls, a "Petri dish of conservatism and Judeo-Christian thought." Bachmann's studies here exposed her to ideas — God is the source of law; the Constitution is akin to a biblical covenant, binding on future generations; the founders did not intend for a strict separation of church and state — that are percolating throughout the 2012 race for the presidency, as social conservative candidates like Gov.



Students toss a football near the giant bronze sculpture known as the praying hands at the entrance to the campus of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) does not bring up her Oral Roberts law education on the campaign trail much, but it involved an unusual experiment aimed at combining traditional teaching with charismatic Christian belief.

(Michael Stravato/The New York Times)



Presidential candidate Michele Bachmann, right, and her husband Marcus Bachmann, left, from the 1980 Oral Roberts University yearbook, on the campus of the university, in Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 21, 2011.

(Michael Stravato/The New York Times)

to "integrate their Christian faith into their chosen profession," and to "restore law to its historic roots in the Bible." Today, as a Republican congresswoman from Minnesota seeking her party's nomination for president, Bachmann often talks of her work as a lawyer, describing herself as a "former federal tax litigation attorney," although not identifying her employer as the Internal Revenue Service. She points to her master's degree from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, from a nine-month program in tax law.

Rick Perry of Texas and Rick Santorum, the former senator from Pennsylvania, court the evangelical Christian vote. But the philosophy has its best-known advocate in Bachmann, whose bid for the presidency has exposed a wider audience of Americans to views long espoused by social conservative scholars. On the campaign trail, she bills herself as a "constitutional conservative" and holds that judges must limit themselves to the text and original understanding of the Constitution, rather than regard it as a living

document whose meaning can evolve. At a forum last month in South Carolina, she criticized President Barack Obama's policies on health care, immigration and education as unconstitutional, saying the 2012 election would turn on how candidates interpret "that sacred document." Here, Bachmann worked as a research assistant to John Eidsmoe on his 1987 book, "Christianity and the Constitution: The Faith of Our Founding Fathers," which argues that "religion and politics cannot be totally separated" and that "America was and to a large extent still is a Christian nation." She studied "legal institutions

and values" with Herb Titus, a Harvard-trained lawyer who hears his philosophy in Bachmann's words.

"Her belief is consistent with a biblical and a Christian understanding of the Constitution," Titus said. It took Bachmann seven years to graduate; she took a four-year hiatus that began before the birth of her first child. And the school itself was short-lived; it ran out of money and closed in 1986. The future congresswoman's tenure spanned its entire existence, a time of great ferment among Christian conservatives who, buoyed by the political rise of Ronald Reagan, were flexing their political muscles. □



Students giving a tour to a high school senior show the Prayer Tower observation deck at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 21, 2011.

(Michael Stravato/The New York Times)



So many Aruba honorings!!

Oranjestad - Recently was honored as Ambassador of Good Will for the island of Aruba at the Westin Resort were Mr. Charles and Mrs. Mary Earle. The Earle couple has been coming to Aruba for 34 years and brought a lot of family and friends to Aruba through the years. They are very well known by many Aruban citizens and have many local friends on the island. Also honored as Distinguished Visitors of the island of Aruba were Mr. Clifford and Mrs. Carol Thomas from Georgetown Delaware and Mr. George and Mrs. Shirley Kellam from Panama City Beach



ity. The event which commemorates the couple's 28th consecutive visit to the island was held at the Aruba Beach Club. The couple enjoys going fishing with friends and family while visiting Aruba. The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with a big group of staff members from the Occidental Grand Aruba Resort who presented the couples with beautiful flowers and gifts. □



Florida. Both couples are very good friends from each other and have been coming to Aruba for 10 consecutive years. And if that weren't enough, also honored as Good Will Ambassador of Aruba was Mrs. Marilyn Pejinsky from Milford CT USA. The honoring ceremony took place at the Occidental Grand Aru-

ba Resort; Mrs. Pejinsky's home away from home. Mrs. Pejinsky loves the island and it's people very much and has many recollections about the good things that happened to her while she was here. She tells us that she has a lot of appreciation for our hospital for the way she and her mother were once treat-

ed here in Aruba. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Barbara Manzelli were also honored at Aruba Beach Club. Recently, Ms. Marouska Heyliger honored Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Barbara Manzelli, residents of Southborough, Massachusetts, with the Goodwill Ambassador certificate in the name of the Aruba Tourism Author-



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Aruba Ports Authority and the Faculty of Tourism & International Business of the University of Aruba have formed a union aimed at assessing and supporting the importance of the Oranjestad port for the Aruban economy. They will be conducting market analyses to create a database which will be made available in a comprehensible and actionable form. Both institutions will work closely together to organize a yearly conference which will focus on local, regional and international perspectives of the port industry, periodical economic impact studies and research projects around the development, operations and marketing of the port and related services. During the months of

September, October and November of 2011 University students will be conducting research on the calculation of the generated economic impact (direct and indirect) for Aruba. The survey data will then be used to produce direct spending patterns for specific sectors of our economy, such as F&B, retail, tours and transportation, among others. The new strategic partnership between APA N.V. and the University of Aruba (SCA) will be spearheaded Mrs. Tamara Waldron Marketing & Communications Manager at APA, and by Prof. Dr. Ryan Peterson, former dean and currently professor at the University of Aruba, and president of the National Council for innovation and Competitive-

ness of Aruba. The efforts will be conducted in close cooperation with CBS, Central Bureau of Statistics and Dr. Andrew Moody, Founder of the reputable international organization Business Research and Economic Advisors (BREA) which will allow for a broader perspective of integrated economic, financial and demographic data which will ensure the development of professional studies. Dr. Moody will have a supporting role in the partnership of the two institutions and is scheduled to actively participate in the Conference planned for mid 2012 where the results will be presented. The study is geared at understanding the experiences and expenditures of port visitors in the Aruban econ-



omy. Students will play a key role in designing the survey questionnaire, collecting and analyzing the data, presenting the results, and discussing the findings and recommendations. □

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NBA Commissioner David Stern talks with reporters, Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in New York. Stern canceled the first two weeks of the season after players and owners were unable to reach a new labor deal to end the lockout. Opening night was scheduled for Nov. 1.

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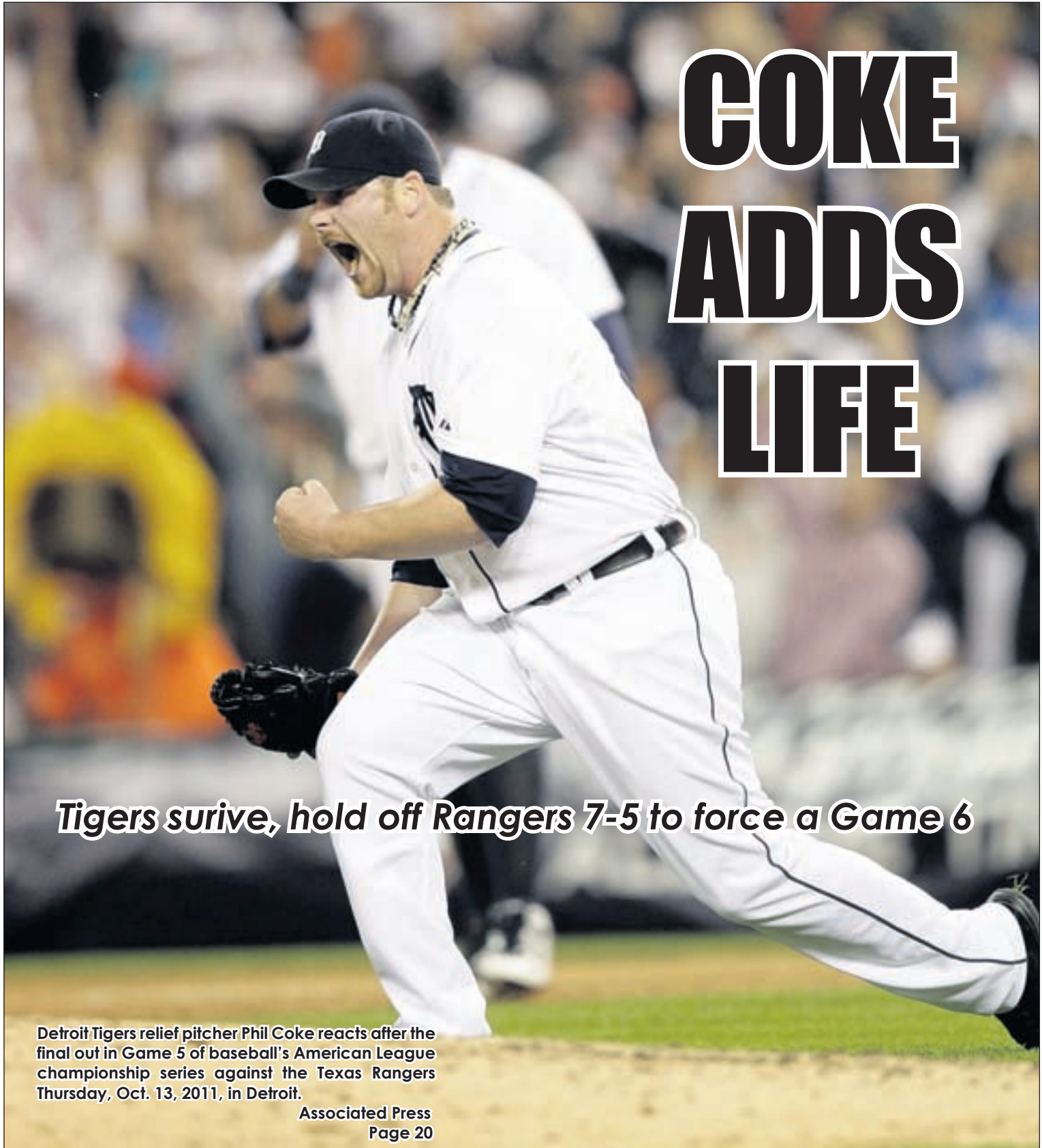
Stern: Christmas games in jeopardy

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AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner David Stern said his "gut" tells him there will be no NBA basketball on Christmas without a labor agreement by Tuesday. That day, when owners and players are scheduled to meet with a federal mediator, is a "really big deal," he added.

Owners will then open two days of board meetings Wednesday, and without an agreement to bring them, Stern believes further cancellations are coming. "Right now, Tuesday, Tuesday, Tuesday, just before my owners come into town, having brought in the labor relations committee and Billy (Hunter) having brought in his executive committee, it's time to make the deal," Stern said Thursday.

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Tigers survive, hold off Rangers 7-5 to force a Game 6

Detroit Tigers relief pitcher Phil Coke reacts after the final out in Game 5 of baseball's American League championship series against the Texas Rangers Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, in Detroit.

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Djokovic to finish 2011 as No 1

LONDON (AP) — Novak Djokovic will finish the year as the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

The ATP says the Serb clinched the year-end top spot after No. 2 Rafael Nadal lost in the third round at the Shanghai

Masters on Thursday. Nadal's loss to Florian Mayer ensured that Djokovic cannot be overtaken before the end of the year. The 24-year-old Djokovic becomes the first player other than Roger Federer or Nadal to finish a year

as No. 1 since Andy Roddick of the United States in 2003. Djokovic has been No. 1 since winning Wimbledon in early July and has won 10 titles this year, including his second Australian Open and first U.S. Open. □

Nadal falls to Florian Mayer in Shanghai

JUSTIN BERGMAN

Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Rafael Nadal was ousted in the third round of the Shanghai Masters by Germany's Florian Mayer, 7-6 (5), 6-3, the second consecutive year he's failed to reach the quarterfinals at the tournament.

The 15th-seeded German pressured Nadal at the net throughout the match, winning 21 of his 29 approaches.

Nadal saved two set points while serving at 4-5 in the first set, but then gave away several crucial points in the tiebreaker, which Mayer clinched with an ace.

The German got the first break of the match at 3-3 in the second set when Nadal hit a shot into the top of the net.

Mayer converted another break on match point, running down a drop shot and flicking it past Nadal at the net.

The top-seeded Spaniard lost in the third round in Shanghai last year to Austria's Jurgen Melzer, just a few weeks after winning his first U.S. Open title.

It's also just the second time in 16 tournaments this year that he has failed to make the quarterfinals. In August, he fell in the second round of the Canadian Open to Croatia's Ivan Dodig.

Defending champion Andy Murray, meanwhile, held off a late rally by Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka to advance to the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory.

After dropping the second set, the second-seeded Scot broke Wawrinka twice to race out to a 5-0 lead in the third. But Wawrinka battled back to take the next three games before Murray finally closed it out. "The first set I was up 3-0, two breaks, pretty quickly, and I went up 5-0 in the third set. Both sets got a

little bit closer than maybe they needed to be," Murray said.

Third-seeded David Ferrer also advanced after saving three match points against Juan Carlos Ferrero in a 1-6, 7-5, 6-2 win and Andy Roddick moved on with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Spain's Nicolas Almagro.

France's Gilles Simon, the No. 8 seed, was beaten by Matthew Ebden, a qualifier from Australia ranked 124th, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (8). Ebden, who had only won eight matches on the ATP tour before Shanghai, closed it out on his fifth match point.

Ebden plays Murray next for a spot in the semifinals.

"It will be a tough match," Murray said. "He's obvious-



Germany's Florian Mayer returns the ball to Rafael Nadal of Spain during their men's singles third round match of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. Mayer upset Nadal 7-6 (5), 6-3.

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ly just coming off the best win of his career, so he'll be confident."

Ferrer was outplayed by his fellow Spaniard from the

start, dropping his serve three times in the opening set and then facing three match points while serving at 4-5 in the second. □

Stern:

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"If we don't make it on Tuesday, my gut — this is not in my official capacity of canceling games — but my gut is that we won't be playing on Christmas Day." Stern canceled the first two weeks of the regular season on Monday when the sides couldn't reach a deal before a deadline he had set.

Christmas is traditionally the first big day of the NBA season. This year's three-game schedule features the NBA finals rematch between the Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat.

The sides will need to act quickly to save it. The talks have stalled over the structure of the salary cap system and the division of revenues between owners and players.

They will meet Tuesday with George Cohen, the same mediator who tried to resolve the NFL's labor dispute months before it eventually ended. □

Haye announces retirement from boxing



Heavyweight boxer David Haye at his gym in south London as he announces his retirement from the sport Thursday Oct. 13, 2011.

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STEVE DOUGLAS

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Former heavyweight champion David Haye retired Thursday, ending a nine-year career in which he won world titles at two different weights and fulfilling a promise to quit on his 31st birthday.

After failing to line up another fight with either of the Klitschko brothers, the former world cruiserweight and WBA heavyweight

champ said he was leaving the sport to take up acting. "As the clock struck 12 last night, my professional boxing career came to an end," said the British fighter, who turned 31 on Thursday. "It has been my intention to retire from the sport of boxing on this particular day ever since I first laced up a pair of gloves as a skinny 10-year old."

Haye's last fight was a loss on points in July to Wladimir Klitschko, the younger of

the Ukrainian siblings who added Haye's WBA title to his own WBO and IBF belts. Since then, Haye and his promoter Adam Booth have tried to entice the Klitschkos, particularly elder brother and WBC champ Vitali, into the ring but to no avail.

Haye denied his retirement announcement was just an attempt to lure the Ukrainians to fight him.

"They've had three months do it," he said.

"They talk like they want it but they don't. I'd love nothing better than to knock Vitali out.

But from what Adam told me, they believe I'm just another challenger to them."

Speaking at his gym in south London, Haye, who won 25 of his 27 fights as a professional, said capturing world titles in two weights marks him out as "one of the best British boxers ever."

"He'll be remembered as a dominant cruiserweight, one of the best cruiserweights there's been along

with Evander Holyfield," Booth said.

Haye started off as a cruiserweight and beat Jean-Marc Mormeck in Paris in 2007 to land the WBC title. He rates that victory as the biggest achievement in his career.

Moving up to heavyweight, he fought against bigger, stronger opponents but beat Russia's Nikolay Valuev in November 2009 to win the WBA title. He successfully defended it against John Ruiz of the United States and fellow Briton Audley Harrison before losing to Klitschko in Hamburg.

After leaving a heavyweight division he claims is now "back in the doldrums," Haye said he plans to launch an acting career next year.

"I fell just short of fulfilling my ultimate dream as a heavyweight (of unifying the division) but I am still satisfied with what I was able to bring to a division that was desperately in need of an injection of excitement," Haye said. □

Crosby OK'd for contact, timetable still uncertain

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Sidney Crosby has traded in his white helmet. There's still no telling when the Pittsburgh Penguins star will be able to do the same with his practice jersey.

The former MVP's comeback from concussion-like symptoms took a major step forward Thursday when he was cleared for contact by team doctors for the first time since being injured last January. Crosby wore a black helmet like the rest of his teammates during a morning skate prior to Thursday night's showdown with Washington. The 24-year-old had been wearing a white helmet during workouts to indicate he wasn't to be touched.

More NHL

While there were no major collisions, the simple change in headgear is another positive sign that the sport's biggest star is close

to returning.

"This is a good step in the right direction and we'll see how it goes the next little bit," he said.

How long that "next little bit" will last remains unclear. Crosby, as he's done for the last 10 months, refused to put a timetable on when he'll be ready to play.

Part of the problem is Pittsburgh's cramped early season schedule. Thursday's game is the team's fifth in eight days and the next three weeks are nearly as busy, leaving little time for full-contact drills.

"I have to get hit at some point during practice but we're playing so much it's hard to get that right now," Crosby said.

Coach Dan Bylsma says he may try to find some extra practice time for Crosby to help get him acclimated but added Crosby's participation in nearly every drill during training camp means Crosby might not

have that much further to go.

"He's been with the line, he's been in drills, he's covered some drills that have contacted," Bylsma said. "He was wearing a different color helmet but he's been in those situations."

While his teammates have done their best to protect their captain during practice, Crosby has admitted to some jostling at times with no recurrence of the symptoms that have sidelined him since take head shots in consecutive games in early January.

"Everything has gone really smooth," Crosby said.

The question becomes who will be the first player to take it to the game's best player. Bylsma said it will be up to Crosby to mix it up, but doesn't think it will take long for the seven-year veteran to get a teammate's attention. "Sid's the type of player that he instigates contact," Bylsma said.



Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby (notes), left, and Evgeni Malkin of Russia, are introduced before the Penguins' first home NHL hockey game of the season against the Florida Panthers in Pittsburgh Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011. Crosby and Malkin did not play in the game.

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"He'll do something that will warrant that from a player. He'll go out and do something. ... I think every training camp when Sid's been healthy he's always ended up in some kind of jostling where the ire's gotten up on both guys and that'll happen again because of the way Sidney competes."

The team is in no rush to hurry him back. The Penguins are off to their best start since 1994-95, going 3-0-1 in their first four games. Their play has taken some of the pressure off Crosby, who insists he's not frustrated or anxious even as his return inches closer to reality. □



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Tigers stay alive in ALCS, hold off Rangers 7-5

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — One moment, Justin Verlander and the Tigers were on the verge of watching their season slip away.

After a double play and a lucky bounce, they were headed back to Texas.

Verlander helped save Detroit's season with a gutsy effort and the Tigers hit for a sudden cycle to break away in a 7-5 victory Thursday that cut the Rangers' lead to 3-2 in the AL championship series.

Delmon Young hit two of Detroit's four homers and Miguel Cabrera had a tie-breaking double in the sixth inning — thanks to a bizarre bounce off third base.

"I have that bag in my office right now. And that will be in my memorabilia room at some point in my life, I can promise you," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. After building a five-run cushion, Detroit held on despite Nelson Cruz's record fifth home run of the series. With closer Jose Valverde unavailable for the Tigers, Texas cut it to 7-5 in the ninth and had Cruz on deck when Phil Coke retired Mike Napoli on a game-ending groundout with two runners on.

Coke got five outs for his first career postseason save.

"Cokie came through for us," Leyland said. "A little different situation for him



Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Justin Verlander throws during the first inning in Game 5 of baseball's American League championship series against the Texas Rangers Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, in Detroit.
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obviously, but he was up to the challenge."

The Rangers get another chance to reach the World Series for the second straight season in Game 6 Saturday night at home. Derek Holland will start for Texas against Max Scherzer. A swift turn of events in the sixth helped Detroit pull ahead. The Tigers turned a bases-loaded double play to keep the score tied at 2, then opened the bottom half with a single, double, triple and homer — in order — to take a 6-2 lead.

It was the first time four consecutive batters on one

team hit for a "natural" cycle in a postseason game, according to STATS LLC.

The Rangers were the ones who seemed on the verge of breaking the game open in the sixth, loading the bases with one out.

But then Ian Kinsler hit a grounder right to third baseman Brandon Inge, who merely had to step on the bag and throw to first for a double play.

"We had him right there in the sixth. He got out of it," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We missed a home run by inches, and they opened the game up

by inches. Got a groundball double play, hits the bag, and from that point on, you know, boom, bam. Put up four runs."

Ryan Raburn led off the bottom half with a single, and Cabrera's slow grounder bounced high off third base and down the line, putting Detroit ahead 3-2.

Victor Martinez followed with a rare triple down the right-field line, scoring another run, and Young added a two-run homer. Raburn homered in the seventh to make it 7-2.

After using Valverde and Joaquin Benoit for three straight days, Leyland announced before Game 5 that neither reliever would be available. He was hoping to make it through the day with just Verlander and Coke, and that's exactly what happened.

"Well, it's what we said before the game. So it gave everybody a chance to get all their second-guessing ready about it," Leyland said. "That's just the way it had to be today. We talked about it before the game and we did exactly what we felt we had to do to give ourselves any chance to win the series."

Verlander allowed four runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings, throwing a career-high 133 pitches. He struck out eight and walked three. "I want the ball. I want to go as deep as possible,"

Verlander said. "It was a battle for me, all night."

Verlander reached 100 mph on the stadium radar gun with pitch No. 133. Cruz, however, caught up to that fastball and sent it down the left-field line for a two-run homer, chasing Verlander and setting a record for homers in a league championship series.

Cruz became the fifth player to hit five homers in a postseason series. Reggie Jackson, Ken Griffey Jr., Juan Gonzalez and Chase Utley were the others.

After winning 24 games and leading the American League in ERA and strikeouts, Verlander hadn't had much of a chance to shine this postseason. Two of his first three playoff starts were ended early by rain delays. He didn't have to worry about that Thursday. Game 5 began under a cloudy sky with the sun peeking through over Comerica Park, and the threatening sky later in the game never amounted to anything.

Instead, the Rangers were Verlander's biggest obstacle. With two strikes on Kinsler in the first, Verlander went to his sweeping breaking ball, and the Texas second baseman pulled it to left field for a double. After going to third on a groundout by Elvis Andrus, Kinsler came home on Josh Hamilton's sacrifice fly to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead. □

NHL Roundup

Capitals edge Penguins in OT

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Washington's Dennis Wideman scored in overtime to give the Capitals a 3-2 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in the NHL on Thursday.

On the powerplay 2:38 into the extra period, Wideman rifled a shot from just inside the right circle past goalie Brent Johnson to keep Washington unbeaten in three games this season.

Alexander Ovechkin scored his first goal of the season for the Capitals, who have won eight straight regular-season games in Pittsburgh. Mike Knuble also scored.

James Neal scored twice for the Penguins, tying it on a power play with 3:45 left in the third.

*Devils 2, Kings 1, SO

In Newark, Ilya Kovalchuk and Zach Parise

scored shootout goals to give New Jersey victory over Los Angeles.

Devils goalie Johan Hedberg, who replaced an injured Martin Brodeur at the start of the second period, made easy stops on the two Kings shootout attempts. Patrick Elias scored in regulation for New Jersey and Gagne got his first goal as a King to open the game.

*Islanders 5, Lightning 1

In Uniondale, New York, John Tavares had two goals and two assists in the first period and New York went on to rout Tampa Bay. Matt Moulson and P.A. Parenteau also had first-period goals for the Islanders, and Michael Grabner added a fifth in the second period.

Steven Stamkos netted for the Lightning. □



Washington Capitals' Dennis Wideman (6) celebrates with Mike Green (52) after scoring the game-winning overtime goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins in an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. The Capitals won 3-2.

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Simpson takes big step toward money title

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AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia (AP) —

Webb Simpson signed up for the McGladrey Classic because it gave him a shot at winning the PGA Tour money title. He played Thursday as though he was intent on doing just that. Simpson matched his best score of the year in the opening round at Sea Island, making eight birdies for a 7-under 63 that gave him a share of the lead with tour rookie Zack Miller.

"There's no way I can play this golf tournament without thinking about the money title," Simpson said. "I'm thinking about it every day. But I'm not over every shot thinking, 'This is for the money title.' It's more that I'm just trying my best to get focused on winning the golf tournament."

At this rate, he stands a reasonable chance at both. Simpson has won twice in his last five tournaments, leaving him \$68,971 behind Luke Donald on the money list with two tournaments remaining. Donald isn't playing this week, and he has until 5 p.m. Friday to decide whether to play Disney next week in the final event of the PGA Tour season.

Also at stake is the PGA Tour player of the year award, with no clear favorite. No player has more than two wins and, while Donald has only one win in the United States, he has been No. 1 in the world since May. For Donald and Simpson, the money title could go a long

way in collecting votes.

Simpson needs to finish at least in 15th place alone to surpass Donald, although he looked as if he had bigger plans the way he worked his way around the Seaside course, even as the breeze picked up late in the morning.

Deliberate by nature, Simpson at times switched clubs two or three times, although it paid off on the fourth hole when he went back to a 7-iron and dropped his shot some 4 feet from the cup for a birdie. The only glitch was a poor approach from the middle of the 18th fairway in the middle of his round for a bogey.

Simpson isn't alone in having money on his mind this week.

Miller is trying not to think about it. He hasn't made a cut since the Viking Classic in July and has fallen to No. 146 on the money list. If he doesn't get into the top 150, he'll have to return to the second stage of Q-school. But he has tried to take whatever positives he could find out of the last few months, learning to base happiness on something besides his scores. It was hard not to be happy with a 63, especially after going birdie-birdie-eagle early in his round, the longest of those a 4-footer for eagle on No. 15 after a perfect 5-iron.

Martin Piller was tied for the lead until a bogey on the last hole put him in a large group at 64. That included Scott McCarron, who is No. 163 on the money list



Webb Simpson waves to the gallery after hitting a birdie putt on the sixth green during the first round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament at the Sea Island Golf Club on St. Simons Island, Ga., Thursday Oct. 13, 2011.

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and birdied his last three holes. McCarron, like so many others in the Fall Series events, is trying to get inside the top 125 to secure his full PGA Tour card for next year.

Also at 64 was Billy Horschel, who is No. 139 on the money list.

They were followed by a group at 65 that included two-time major champion Angel Cabrera, Ben Crane, Nick O'Hern and Richard S. Johnson of Sweden. Johnson had to go through Q-school last year, and started the year with a nagging injury to his right shoulder. He continued to play because he couldn't afford to fall further down the priority list, and it has cost him.

Johnson is at No. 186 on the money list, headed back to Q-school unless he can turn around his fortunes quickly. □

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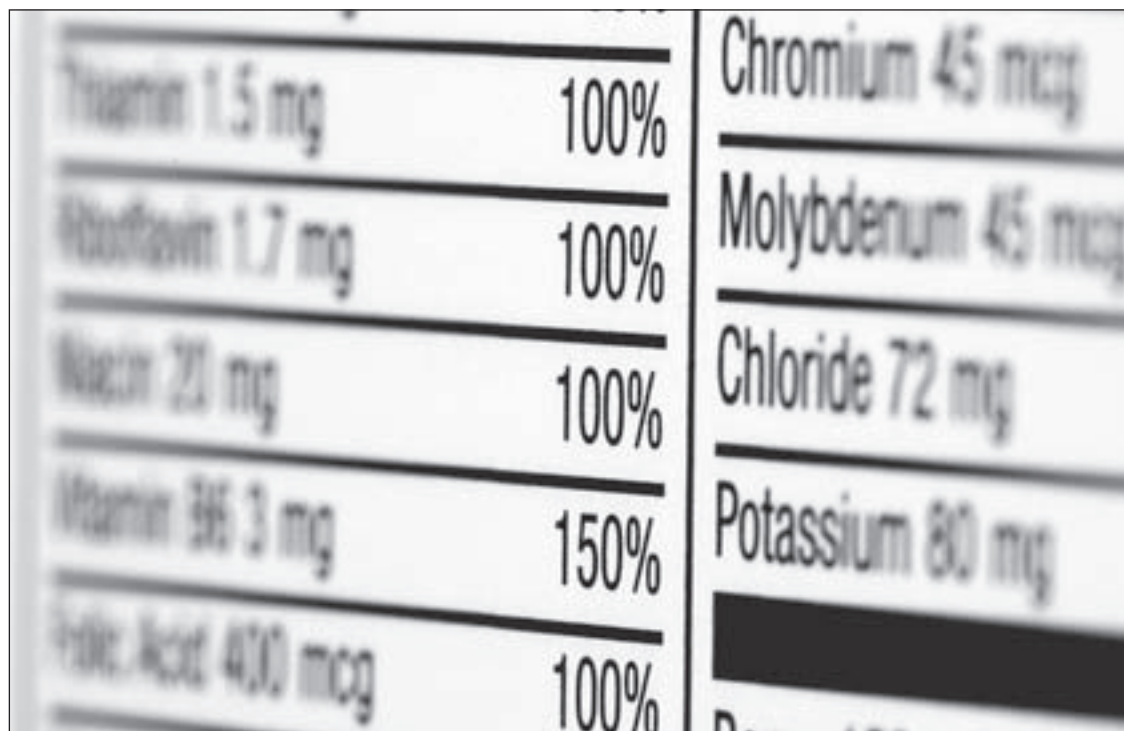
MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Two studies this week raised gnawing worries about the safety of vitamin supplements and a host of questions. Should anyone be taking them? Which ones are most risky? And if you do take them, how can you pick the safest ones? Vitamins have long had a "health halo." Many people think they're good for you and at worst might simply be unnecessary. The industry calls them an insurance policy against bad eating.

But our foods are increasingly pumped full of them already. Even junk foods and drinks often are fortified with nutrients to give them a healthier profile, so the risk is rising that we're getting too much. Add a supplement and you may exceed the upper limit.

"We're finding out they're not as harmless as the industry might have us believe," said David Schardt, a nutritionist at the consumer group Center for Science in the Public Interest. This week, a study of nearly 40,000 older women found a slightly higher risk of death among those taking dietary supplements, including multivitamins, folic acid, iron and copper. It was just an observational study, though, not a rigorous test.

Another study found that men taking high doses of vitamin E — 400 units a day — for five years had a slightly increased risk of prostate cancer. As many as one-third of Americans take vitamins



The nutritional label of a box of multivitamins is photographed in Philadelphia on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. Two studies released in Oct. 2011 raised gnawing worries about the safety of vitamin supplements and a host of questions. Vitamins have long had a "health halo" - many people think they won't hurt and at worst might be unnecessary. The industry calls them an insurance policy against bad eating. But our foods increasingly are pumped full of them - even junk foods and drinks often are fortified with nutrients to give them a healthier profile - so the risk is rising that we're getting too much. Add a supplement and you may exceed the upper limit. Associated Press



In this Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 photo illustration, multivitamins are poured from a bottle in Philadelphia. Associated Press

and nearly half of people 50 and older take multivitamins, surveys suggest. Americans spent \$9.6 billion on vitamins last year, up from \$7.2 billion in 2005, according to the Nutrition

Business Journal. Multivitamins top the list, at nearly \$5 billion in sales.

Yet there is no clear evidence that multivitamins lower the risk of cancer, heart disease or any other chronic health problems. No government agency recommends them "regardless of the quality of a person's diet," says a fact sheet from the federal Office of Dietary Supplements. And vitamins aren't required to undergo the strict testing required of U.S.-approved prescription medicines.

Some fads, such as the antioxidant craze over vitamins A and E and beta-carotene, backfired when studies found more health risk, not less. And studies that

find more disease in people with too little of a certain vitamin can be misleading: Correcting a deficiency so you have the right daily amount is different from supplementing beyond recommended levels.

The best way to get vitamins is to eat foods that naturally contain them, said Jody Engel, a nutritionist with Office of Dietary Supplements. "Foods provide more than just vitamins and minerals, such as fiber and other ingredients that may have positive health effects." Schardt adds: "It's virtually impossible to overdose on the nutrients in food." Some folks may need more of certain nutrients and should talk with their doc-

tors about supplements:

- Postmenopausal women regarding calcium and vitamin D to protect bones.
- Women planning on pregnancy regarding folate, or folic acid, to prevent birth defects.
- People over age 50 and vegans who may need vitamin B12. "As we get older, a number of us no longer produce enough acid in the stomach to extract the B12 in food," Schardt explained.
- Pregnant women, who may need extra iron.
- Breastfed infants and possibly other infants concerning vitamin D.

Vitamin D is a nutrient many of us may need to supplement. Last fall, the Institute of Medicine, a panel of scientists who advise the government, raised the recommended amount but also warned against overdoing it. People ages 1 to 70 should get 600 international units a day, older folks 800 units.

If you do need a supplement, beware: Quality varies. Consumerlab.com, a company that tests supplements and publishes ratings for subscribers, has found a high rate of problems in the 3,000 products it has tested since 1999. "One out of 4 either doesn't contain what it claims or has some other problems such as contamination or the pills won't break apart properly," said company president Dr. Tod Cooperman.

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BlackBerrys buzz back to life after long outage



Research in Motion's Blackberry logo is seen on a box in Ottawa, Wednesday Oct. 12, 2011.

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — BlackBerrys across the world buzzed back to life Thursday, leaving customers outraged and threatening to cost the granddaddy of all smartphones more business when it's already struggling to keep up in a crowded marketplace.

The three-day blackout interrupted email and Internet services for tens of millions of frustrated users and inflicted more damage on an already tarnished brand.

"I've been a pretty big BlackBerry advocate," said Kate Jacobson, a student at Michigan State University. "But I'm done playing these games with you, BlackBerry."

After using a BlackBerry for three years, she said the outage was the "last straw." On Thursday, she got an iPhone. Her unhappiness was shared by users across several continents. BlackBerrys in Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa had been without email or chat messages since Monday.

In the U.S. and Canada, the outage was shorter, starting Wednesday. But many, perhaps most, of the world's 70 million BlackBerry users were affected.

"When I woke up in the morning and had zero emails, I was like, 'That's impossible,'" Jacobson said. She had already endured problems with her BlackBerry Curve turning off at the wrong moments. It didn't play videos well, either.

Research In Motion Ltd., which makes the phones and handles email traffic to them, said the system was steadily processing a vast backlog of stalled messages.

The company's two CEOs apologized profusely. It was a break from the past, when outages of BlackBerry service merited only terse statements from the company.

Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie said they had not made plans yet to compensate customers, but they were turning their attention to that question.

"Our priority right up until this moment (has been) making sure the system's up and running," Balsillie said. "We're going to fully commit to win that trust back."

It will take more than an apology to win back some BlackBerry users. □

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AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Apple Inc. is in talks with Hollywood studios about offering a system that would allow people to buy movies on iTunes and watch them on multiple Apple-made devices without the need to transfer or save files, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Movies were a big omission from Apple's so-called iCloud service, which launched on Wednesday.

In a free update to its iOS mobile operating system, the maker of iPads and iPhones is now allowing for music, books and apps bought through iTunes to be automatically synced on multiple Apple devices without the need for a physical connection. TV shows can be bought and downloaded wirelessly on separate devices but can't be synced automatically.

The sticking point with movies was that several studios had to resolve contract issues with premium pay TV channel HBO, according to one of the people. Both people discussed the talks on condition of anonymity because talks are ongoing and Apple has not final-

ized agreements with all of them. The talks were earlier reported by the Los Angeles Times.

HBO secures the exclusive rights to show movies to paying subscribers during a period called the "pay TV window," which begins a couple years after movies hit theaters. The ability to buy digital movies typically disappears when they first start running on HBO, mainly to encourage people to become subscribers.

The exclusivity had barred online movie streaming during the window, making it difficult for Apple to stream a movie purchased on an iPhone or iPad through its Apple TV set-top box to one's television. New agreements are needed to lift that restriction, but the waiver would only apply to digital movies bought before HBO's pay TV window starts. "With every innovation that arrives, HBO has always found a compromise that has worked for both sides," said HBO spokesman Jeff Cusson.

Services such as iCloud save copies of your purchases online on distant computers, eliminating the need for personal data storage devices and the need

to continually transfer files back and forth.

These services are seen as a way of spurring people to buy more movies digitally, a growing segment, but one that is still far smaller than purchases of DVDs, which are declining. One impediment to buying digital copies was that purchases only worked on certain devices. Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros., Comcast Corp.'s Universal Pictures, News Corp.'s 20th Century Fox and DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. supply movies to HBO and can't offer movies through iCloud until they get clearance from HBO. Warner Bros. on Tuesday launched sales of its first movie "Horrible Bosses," on another Internet-based system called UltraViolet. Every copy of a DVD or Blu-ray disc from the studio will now allow users to gain access to the movie online through movie database site Flixster, and other partners are expected to be launched soon.

The release of "Horrible Bosses" with online access rights suggested that the studio has resolved any rights issues with HBO, a sister company also owned by Time Warner. □

Stocks slide on JPMorgan as techs trims losses

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NEW YORK (AP) —

Stocks sank Thursday, ending the fastest rally in the S&P 500 since March 2009. Bank stocks dragged the market lower after JPMorgan Chase & Co. reported that a slowdown in investment banking hurt its results in the third quarter. An afternoon surge in technology stocks limited some of the losses. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 40.72 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 11,478.13. JPMorgan fell 4.8 percent. Other banks also fell. Citigroup Inc. dropped 5.3 percent, Morgan Stanley 4.4 percent and Bank of America Corp. 5.5 percent. JPMorgan is the first big U.S. bank to report earnings. Next week Wells Fargo & Co., Citigroup Inc. and Morgan Stanley will report. JPMorgan is widely considered the strongest U.S. bank, so the results don't bode well for other financial companies, said Jason Lilly, a portfolio manager at Rockland Trust Investment Management Group. JPMorgan's income fell 4 percent, hurt



A JPMorgan Chase bank building in Lower Manhattan, in New York. JPMorgan Chase said Thursday, Oct. 13, its third-quarter income fell 4 percent on weaker investment banking and trading results.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

by a 31 percent plunge in investment banking fees. An afternoon rally in technology stocks trimmed some of the market's losses. Yahoo Inc. rose 1 percent as investors speculated the company might be bought. Technology stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1 percent, the most of any industry group in the index. The technology-focused Nasdaq composite rose 15.51, or 0.6 percent, to 2,620.24. "There's a mounting interest in Yahoo and that has filtered out into tech

stocks," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist for Prudential Financial. There was other encouraging news from the technology industry. Apple Inc. rose 1.6 percent a day ahead of the release of its latest iPhone. Google's third-quarter earnings, released after the close of trading, soared past analyst expectations. The stock jumped 5.4 percent in after-hours trading. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.59, or 0.3 percent, to 1,203.66. Financial stocks fell 2.4 percent, the most of the 10 company groups that make up the index. Investors were also disappointed by a report that China's trade surplus narrowed for a second straight month in September. That

suggests the Chinese economy is slowing more than previously thought, which could hurt demand for exports from the U.S. Stocks soared over the past week on signs that Europe was starting to get a handle on its financial crisis. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.8 from Oct. 3, when it closed at its lowest level of the year, through Wednesday. That was the biggest 7-day jump in the S&P 500 since March 2009. The sharp highs and lows are typical of the volatility that has plagued markets since August, when investors began reacting to fears that indebted economies in Europe would collapse and the U.S. would slide back into recession. Most analysts think that the market is in for more swings until a resolution to Europe's debt is reached. "Europe will definitely contribute to more volatility. That story isn't done," said Lilly. In Europe, there was more progress toward strengthening a financial rescue fund aimed at shoring up the region's banks. Slovakia's parliament approved a measure that would release large amounts of money to European banks and governments before a full-blown crisis sets in. □



30-year Treasury bond auction draws strong bids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury prices rose Thursday for the first time in more than a week, while a strong auction for 30-year bonds showed that traders remain hungry for ultra-safe U.S. debt. Before Thursday's rise, Treasuries had fallen since last Tuesday. Encouraging signals from Europe led traders to buy riskier investments that can generate bigger returns. European leaders are trying to hash out a solution to their debt crisis, which has weighed on financial markets for months. The slide followed a historic rally that pushed the yield on the 10-year note to record lows. The price of the 10-year Treasury note rose 28 cents for every \$100 invested, pulling its yield down to 2.18 percent at 3:43 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, from 2.21 percent late Wednesday. □

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Google 3Q earnings rise 26 pct, top analyst views

MICHAEL LIEDTKE,
AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mounting worries over another global recession haven't shaken Google.

The online search and advertising leader's third-quarter earnings, released Thursday, are the latest reminder of how Google Inc. has used its position as the Internet's dominant gateway to build a business that endures economic turbulence better than most companies.

Investors quickly showed their approval as Google's stock price surged 6 percent. The stock climbed \$33.37 to \$592.36 in extended trading after the release of results. Google earned \$2.7 billion, or \$8.33 per share, in the three months ending in September. That was up 26 percent from nearly \$2.2 billion, or \$6.72 per share, a year earlier. If not for expenses covering employee stock compensation, Google would have earned \$9.72 per share.

That figure easily beat the average estimate of \$8.77 per share among analysts

jections.

Analysts had been bracing for a slight slowdown



A magnifying glass is used to illustrate an excerpt from the Top Internet Service, Google Maps, recorded in Bremen, Germany. Google Inc., releases quarterly financial results Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, after the market close.

(AP Photo/dapd, Joerg Sarbach, File)

surveyed by FactSet.

Revenue climbed 33 percent from last year to \$9.7 billion.

After subtracting the commissions that Google pays its advertising partners, Google's revenue stood at \$7.5 billion — about \$200 million above analyst pro-

jections. in Google's growth, assuming the economic turmoil that roiled the stock market during the summer would have some fallout as advertisers grew more cautious and tightened their ad budgets.

Instead, Google's year-over-year revenue growth

in the latest quarter was better than the 32 percent increase posted for the April-June stretch. It marked the fourth straight quarter of year-over-year revenue growth for the company. The performance should also bolster Wall Street's faith in Google CEO Larry Page, who initially got a cool reception from investors when he replaced Eric Schmidt six months ago. Google has now blown past analyst forecasts in

both quarters with Page calling the shots.

"When I look back at the last quarter, the word that springs to mind is, 'Gangbusters,' Page crowed during a Thursday conference call with analysts.

Google would have made even more money, if not for Page's determination to invest heavily in projects, people and computers that he believes the company needs to become even more powerful. □

Fitch cuts ratings on European banks

LONDON (AP) — Concerns that governments are less likely to come to the rescue of financial institutions prompted Fitch credit ratings agency to downgrade its outlook for Britain's Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Lloyds Banking Group and Swiss lender UBS AG on Thursday.

Fitch also said it is reviewing the ratings of a host of European lenders, citing ongoing exposure to sovereign-debt in peripheral Europe and sluggish economic growth prospects. The costs of additional bank regulation and political pressure to reduce state support for banks continue to pose challenges to lenders, Fitch said.

Fitch is the second major credit rating agency in less than a week to slash its ratings of Royal Bank of Scotland and Lloyds. Last week, Moody's cut its ratings on the two U.K. banks for the same reason.

"The banking system is not only very large relative to the U.K. economy,

but there is also more advanced political will to reduce the implicit support for the country's banks," Fitch said in a statement explaining its downgrade of the British lenders.

one notch to A from A+ and Germany's Landesbank one notch to A+ from AA-.

The moves follow similar actions taken against Italian lenders



This photo shows 1 State Street Plaza, home of Fitch Ratings in New York. Concerns that governments are less likely to come to the rescue of financial institutions prompted Fitch credit ratings agency to downgrade its outlook for Britain's Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Lloyds Banking Group and Swiss lender UBS AG on Thursday.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams)

It lowered its long-term ratings for the two large bailed-out banks by two notches to A from AA-.

The credit rating agency dropped Swiss lender UBS

Fitch also put Barclays on notice for a possible downgrade, but the British arms of HSBC PLC and Spain's Banco Santander SA were unaffected. □

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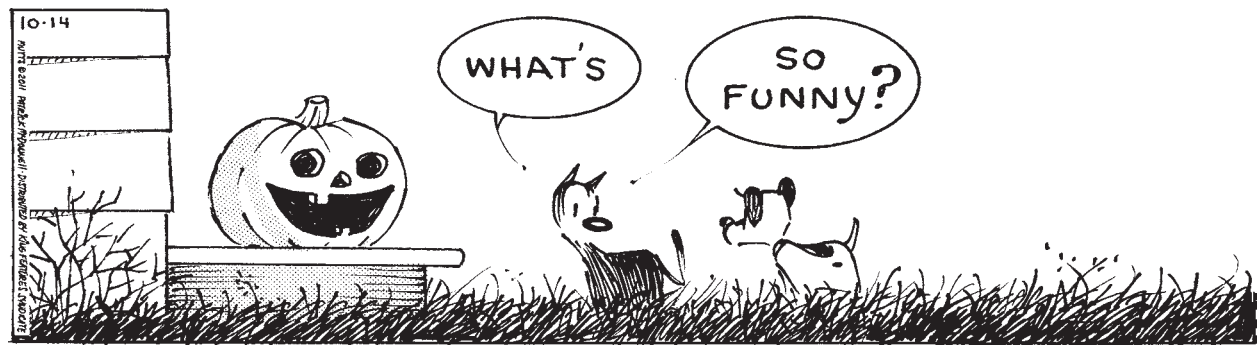
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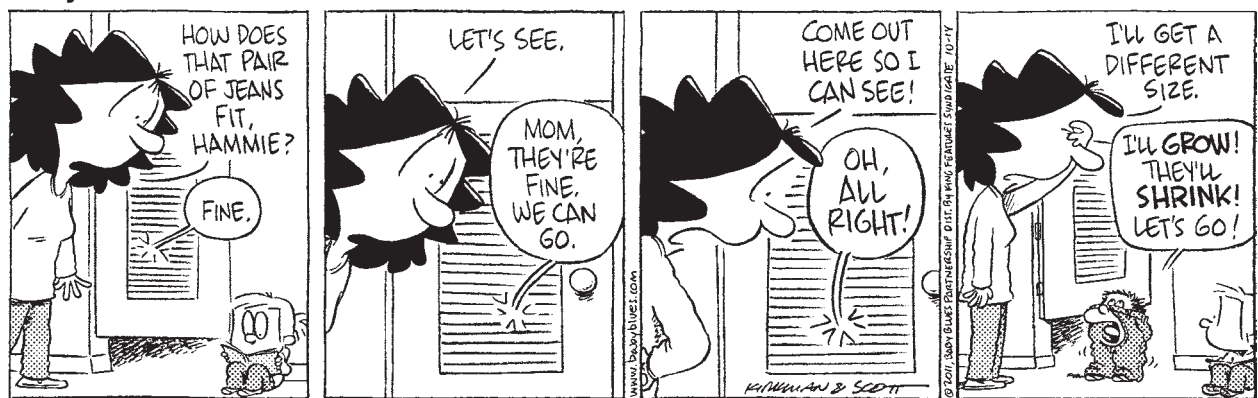
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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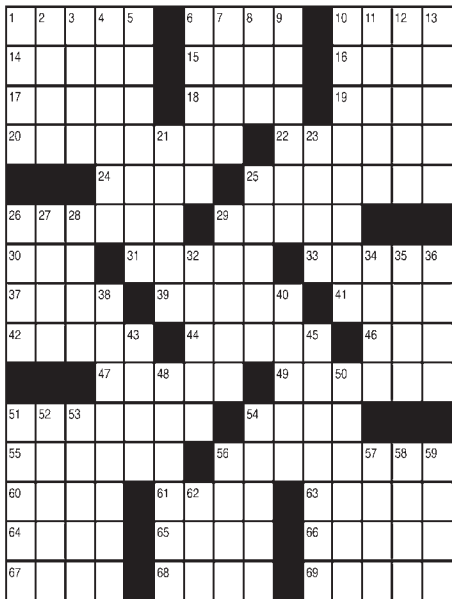
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- 1 Makes obscure
6 Bangkok native
10 "See no __, hear no..."
14 India's dollar
15 Destroy
16 Lion's neck hair
17 Make amends
18 Goes astray
19 Entreaty
20 Apartment building in the slums
22 Hates
24 Overlay with gold
25 Dig up
26 Miff; insult
29 __ up; tells one's feelings
30 Female deer
31 Toothed wheels
33 Old TV knobs
37 Haul
39 Sped
41 "Beat it!"
42 Watery part of the blood
44 Prices per hour
46 12/24 or 12/31
47 Franc replacers
49 Aromatic resin
51 Austere; no-frills
54 Ore deposit
55 Deserved
56 One who lives in a small rural home
60 Gorillas
61 Brainstorm
63 Proverb
64 Walkway
65 Mother's sister
66 Criminal
67 Kill
68 Permits
69 Clear the slate

DOWN

- 1 Spoiled child
2 Stringed instrument
3 Perched atop
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Today In History

Today is Friday, October 14, the 287th day of 2011. There are 78 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1066 - Normans under William the Conqueror defeat the English in the Battle of Hastings.

1529 - Turkish Ottoman ruler Sultan Suleyman II ends the first Turkish siege of Vienna.

1806 - Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Prussians at Jena, and Saxons at Auerstadt.

1912 - Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the U.S. presidency, is shot in the chest in Milwaukee. The bullet hit a metal eyeglasses case and a thick paper copy of a speech he was to give, making the wound relatively shallow, and he went ahead with the scheduled speech.

1933 - Germany leaves disarmament conference and League of Nations.

1936 - Belgium renounces military alliance with France.

1939 - A German submarine sinks the British battleship Royal Oak in Scapa Flow, with loss of 833 lives.

1944 - British and Greek troops liberate Athens from Germans; German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel commits suicide rather than face execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

1947 - U.S. Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to fly faster than sound as he tests a rocket-powered research plane over California.

1960 - The idea of a Peace Corps is first suggested by Democratic U.S. presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to an audience of students at the University of Michigan.

1964 - U.S. civil rights leader Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

1968 - The first live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft is transmitted from Apollo 7.

1973 - Sanya Thammasak, university administrator, is named premier of Thailand



Today is Roger Moore's birthday

after violent clashes between troops and students. 1982 - Vietnam turns over to U.S. officials the remains of five Americans believed to have been murdered in Cambodia under Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge regime.

1986 - Holocaust survivor and human rights advocate Elie Wiesel wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

1987 - Governor general Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau resigns after Fiji is declared a republic following two coups d'etats.

1989 - Jordan officially launches its first national election campaign in 22 years.

1990 - Israeli government decides against cooperating with U.N. team investigating shooting deaths of 19 Palestinians at the Temple Mount.

1991 - Burmese pro-democ-

racy leader Aung San Suu Kyi wins Nobel Peace Prize for her struggle to achieve democracy in her homeland.

1992 - A judge in Rostov-on-Don, Russia convicts Andrei Chikatilo of the sex murders of 52 children and young women over a 12-year period. The horrific nature of the crimes makes Chikatilo one of the worst serial killers in history.

1993 - Within hours of a U.N. police team pullout of Haiti, gunmen assassinate Justice Minister Guy Malary, creating another setback to plans for ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's return.

1994 - Israeli leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres share the Nobel Peace Prize with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

1995 - Greece lifts its embargo on the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, which agrees to change its flag and declare that it has no claims on Greek territory.

1996 - Truckloads of Taliban soldiers reinforce their battered defenses north of Kabul, Afghanistan, after losing two strategic towns to former government soldiers.

1997 - Dozens of protesters shouting "Clinton go home!" burn an effigy of U.S. President Bill Clinton and throw manure on his limousine, marring an otherwise smooth visit to Brazil.

1998 - Wole Soyinka, Nobel laureate and a critic of the Nigerian government, returns to his homeland for the first time in four years and is greeted by jubilant crowds.

1999 - Former Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, the father of Tanzanian independence and a symbol of Africa's hopes as it emerged from the shadow of colonial rule, dies at 77 of leukemia.

2000 - Alija Izetbegovic, who led the Bosnian Muslims through Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II, resigns from the Bosnian presidency, leaving power in a manner rare in the Balkans.

2002 - Britain suspends the Northern Ireland assembly, saying direct British rule was being introduced over the province because of "a loss of confidence on both sides of the community." □

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"We've been getting calls recently from people concerned that Katla is about to erupt because it erupted ... in 1918 on Oct. 12," said Einar Kjartansson, a geophysicist at the Icelandic Meteorological Office. □

Alec Baldwin setting up post-'30 Rock' life

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Alec Baldwin is preparing for life after "30 Rock," working with New York public radio on an interview show that will be available via podcast starting Oct. 24.

The first interview posted will be with actor Michael Douglas, who talks about watching "Glee" with his young daughter. Other interviews to follow will be with Republican campaign strategist Ed Rollins, reality-show celebrity Kris Kardashian Jenner, comic Chris Rock, actress Kathleen Turner, author Erica Jong and veteran talk-show host Dick Cavett, station WNYC said Thursday.

Baldwin said that he's been

exploring other things to do, knowing that his small-screen life as crazed corporate executive Jack Donaghy is heading toward its end.

Baldwin has won Emmys for his comic portrayal of a TV network boss. He said he likes to use his spare time to satisfy the need to do other things.

His mixture of guests on the radio show will take in several fields, although he leans toward fellow entertainers. Baldwin said he's particularly interested in talking with show-biz veterans about the directions their careers have taken and how they keep the juices flowing.

He's an admitted "public radio junkie" who has filled

in on the air for New York's WNYC and also helped with fund drives. After his on-air work as a substitute host for Kurt Andersen, both Baldwin and WNYC were interested in doing something more, said Dean Cappello, senior vice president for programming at New York public radio.

"Alec is one of our hometown guys," he said.

New interviews will be available about once a week. Cappello said he expects they will eventually be made into an on-air radio show, but those plans aren't set yet.

Baldwin said his "30 Rock" contract ends after the upcoming sixth season, which will begin with Donaghy "in agony" because his wife is being held captive in North Korea. There's a possibility the show might be extended another year, but he said he's not sure whether he wants to do it.

"I might," he said. "I wouldn't want to prevent them from having another year, because they're all my friends and they've been good to me. Maybe I would do a piece of the year. But I really do want to move on to other things."



In this Sept. 22, 2011 file photo, actor Alec Baldwin attends the New York City Ballet's gala opening night of Paul McCartney's "Ocean's Kingdom" in New York. Baldwin is preparing for life after "30 Rock," working with New York public radio on an interview show that will be available via podcast starting Oct. 24.

Associated Press

His "30 Rock" work has led to movie offers he wants to explore. Baldwin, 53, has also talked about getting into politics someday, but that would require a trans-

formation that would take time.

"I have to finish what I'm doing now and separate these two parts of my life," he said. □

'Sesame Street' launches anti-bullying campaign

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Big Bird's problems getting into "The Good Birds Club" are at the center of an anti-bullying effort being launched by "Sesame Street."

The venerable PBS show will air a special episode Monday that aims to teach preschoolers how to recognize and combat bullying. The show said Thursday that studies say bullying behavior is seen in children as young as 3, so it's important to get the message across.

In the episode, Big Bird is invited to join the club, but a bully won't let him in and makes fun of him. Desperate to join, Big Bird asks the fairy Abby to make him smaller and change his yellow feathers to blue, but he still doesn't pass muster.

Eventually, it dawns on the characters that the club's leader just wants to make Big Bird feel badly. An adult steps in to smooth ruffled feathers and they form a new club.

Bullying isn't necessarily more prevalent than it used to be, but it's getting more attention for the harm that it can cause, said Trudy Ludwig, who wrote children's books on the topic after her 7-year-old girl was mistreated.

"It's important for kids to understand behaviors that are appropriate and inappropriate," Ludwig said. "They can learn when kids are saying mean things and how to stand up in a safe way."

The show emphasizes the importance of bringing a trusted adult in to the situation but also discusses children's fears of being known as tattletales. It's tattling if it's done to hurt another person, reporting if it's done to prevent someone else from getting hurt, Ludwig said.

It's important to report the information to stop children from getting hurt, said Rosemarie Truglio, vice president of education at Sesame Workshop, which makes the TV show.

Truglio is host of a panel discussion on bullying that "Sesame Street" is making available to parents on the show's website, which also offers anti-bullying tips for parents. Subsequent episodes of the show on Oct. 18 and 21 encourage children to be proud of who they are, be accepting of others, and build relationships with kind words. □

Judge tosses vet's lawsuit over 'Hurt Locker'

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday dismissed a lawsuit filed by an Iraq war veteran who claimed "The Hurt Locker" was based on his experiences as a bomb disposal expert.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Jacqueline Nguyen ended Sgt. Jeffrey Sarver's case against the producers of the Oscar-winning film, its screenwriter and director Kathryn Bigelow.

Sarver sued over the film days before it went on to win best picture at the Academy Awards in 2010. He claimed screenwriter Mark Boal based the film on him and that Sarver was presented in a false light, which resulted in ridicule from fellow service mem-



In this film publicity file image released by Summit Entertainment, Jeremy Renner is shown in a scene from, "The Hurt Locker."

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bers. Nguyen rejected those arguments and ruled that Sarver was unlikely to win the case if it proceeded. "Here, the value of 'The Hurt Locker' unquestionably derived from the creativity and skill of the writers, directors, and producers who conceived, wrote,

directed, edited, and produced it," Nguyen wrote in her 22-page opinion.

"The Hurt Locker was inspired by many soldiers I met and interviewed during my time reporting in Iraq and elsewhere," Boal wrote in a statement.

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In this Sept. 26, 2011 file photo, director Patty Jenkins attends the Lifetime and Sony Pictures Television premiere screening "Five" at Skylight SoHo in New York.

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'Monster' director Jenkins takes on 'Thor 2'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood has signed up its first female director for a major superhero movie.

Marvel Studios announced Thursday that Patty Jenkins will direct "Thor 2," the sequel to last summer's hit that is due in theaters Nov. 15, 2013.

Jenkins is best-known for writing and directing 2003's "Monster," which earned Charlize Theron the best-actress Academy Award. Her credits also include episodes of "Entourage" and "Arrested Development."

Chris Hemsworth will reprise his title role in "Thor 2" as the Norse god of thunder, with co-stars Natalie Portman and Tom Hiddleston also returning.

The first "Thor," directed by Kenneth Branagh, took in \$448 million worldwide.

Another female filmmaker, Lexi Alexander, made the lower-budgeted Marvel movie "The Punisher: War Zone" in 2008. But Jenkins is the first woman to direct a blockbuster superhero franchise. □



MTV aims to bring other cultures to U.S. with 'Iggy'

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NEW YORK (AP) — For almost three decades, MTV has helped bring U.S. pop culture to a global audience, exporting videos from Madonna to Lil Wayne across the globe. But with its new program, "The MTV Iggy Show," and its new Iggy branding, the network plans to reverse the trend.

"What we've done traditionally in the past at MTV is we've taken versions of MTV and customized it to local audiences (internationally)," said Nusrat Durrani, MTV World's senior vice president and general manager. "What MTV Iggy is about is about global pop culture and global pop music, which actually is borderless. ... MTV is bringing the world to America."

"The MTV Iggy Show" will debut Monday on mtvU, and segments of the show will air on all of its networks, including MTV2 and MTV, as well as on its website. The half-hour weekly show will include videos and dispatches from around the globe. In addition, a new website, MTVIggy.com, includes videos, performances and other content from worldwide artists.



Rapper Lil Wayne returns to his seat during halftime of Game 3 of the WNBA basketball finals between the Atlanta Dream and Minnesota Lynx, Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, in Atlanta.

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MTV also plans to promote its Iggy brand through social media sites like Facebook and Twitter.

"Our audiences are discovering music now because of digital technology and social music. They're connecting from artists from faraway places. Frankly, we think that America could benefit from understanding the world a little bit better, and music is one of those windows. So what MTV

Iggy does is provide America with a window to view global pop culture through," Durrani said.

While Iggy content will feature bands from Korea, Pakistan and other countries where English is not the native language, Durrani said that shouldn't prevent American audiences from connecting.

"When Lady Gaga performed in China ... not every Chinese kid understands English. They respond to the imagery and to the whole sort of package that Lady Gaga represents, for example. □

Hilary Duff moving full speed ahead with life

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NEW YORK (AP) — Although she's appeared in hit movies, starred on a Disney TV show and sold millions of records, Hilary Duff still feels like she has things to prove in showbiz. Duff says during her time on "Lizzie McGuire," the show she starred in for two seasons that made her famous, she "got to do so many fun things and be so physical with my comedy. I had no inhibitions. It was fun for me to be goofy." "Then I wanted to sing and that was new but I had so many fans by that point they were all supporting me so I was really confident. Now I'm a little older and I feel I need to re-learn

some of those things. I have goals and aspirations but they kind of fall into what I've already accomplished. I feel like I still have work to do within things I've already dabbled in."

One recent success she's had is in the publishing world. Duff's a best-selling young adult novelist with her "Elixir" trilogy. The second book, "Devoted" is now in stores.

"To put a book out was huge," she said. "To hear people be like, 'I didn't want to give you much credit but I love this book.' It's an overwhelming feeling of gratefulness and relief." Besides writing, 24-year-old Duff is expecting her first child with pro hockey play-



In this Aug. 10, 2011 file photo, actress Hilary Duff arrives at the grand opening party for Kendra Scott Jewelry's Beverly Hills Store benefiting Blessings in a Backpack in West Hollywood, Calif. Duff's latest novel "Devoted," the second in her young adult trilogy, was released on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

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er Mike Comrie. The two married in 2010.

She says she sees fans posting on Twitter that her pregnancy makes them feel old. □

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"It was a disservice to all of those other soldiers for Sgt. Sarver to claim that he was the only soldier that was the basis for the hero of the film. I am glad that the Court has decided to dismiss the lawsuit."

Attorney Todd Weglarz, who represented Sarver, said he was disappointed by the ruling and intended to appeal it.

"We are not going to stop representing the rights of Sgt. Sarver and other military members and the privacy of their families," Weglarz said.

He said Nguyen had issued a tentative ruling earlier this year that didn't dismiss all of Sarver's lawsuit, but her final ruling did. Weglarz said he thought the case should be decided by a jury.

Tim Gorry, an attorney who represented the film's financiers and producers Nicholas Chartier and Greg Shapiro, said Nguyen's ruling reinforces First Amendment protections for filmmakers.

"This should reduce the chilling effect that lawsuits such as this one have on creative expression for all the arts," he wrote in an email.

Boal and the producers have repeatedly denied Sarver's claims and sought dismissal of the case. As part of Nguyen's ruling, they were awarded attorney's fees.

Attorney Jeremiah Reynolds, who represented Boal and Bigelow, said the ruling was a huge victory for filmmakers.

"No artist should ever be forced to create entire fictional worlds that have no basis in reality simply because they fear the threat of meritless lawsuits," Reynolds said in a statement.

In court filings, Sarver said using him as a basis for Jeremy Renner's character in the film had harmed his reputation and placed his life at risk.

"Defendants have essentially placed a bulls-eye on the back of my army uniform/bomb suit for my current and future deployments," Sarver wrote in a sworn declaration he signed in Afghanistan in March. □

There's something happening here



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When you see spontaneous social protests erupting from Tunisia to Tel Aviv to Wall Street it's clear that something is happening globally that needs defining. There are two unified theories out there that intrigue me. One says this is the start of "The Great Disruption." The other says that this is all part of "The Big Shift." You decide.

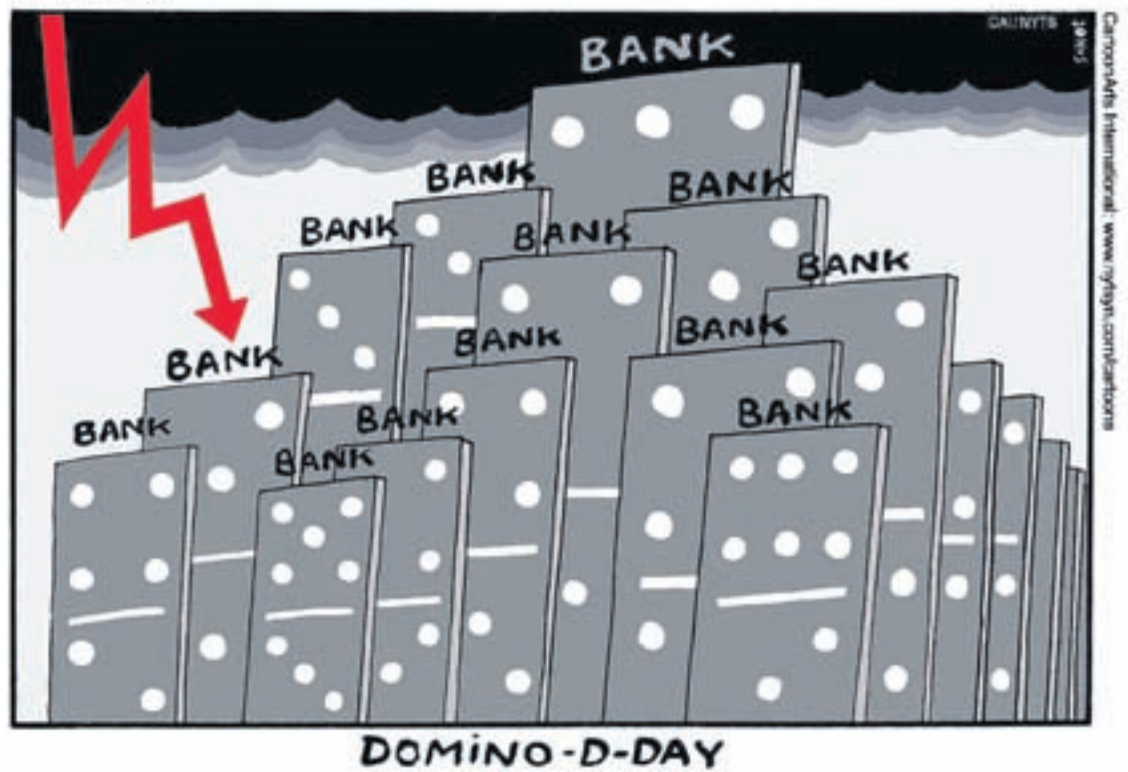
Paul Gilding, the Australian environmentalist and author of the book "The Great Disruption," argues that these demonstrations are a sign that the current growth-obsessed capitalist system is reaching its financial and ecological limits. "I look at the world as an integrated system, so I don't see these protests, or the debt crisis, or inequality, or the economy, or the climate going weird, in isolation – I see our system in the painful process of breaking down," which is what he means by the Great Disruption, said Gilding. "Our system of economic growth, of ineffective democracy, of overloading planet earth – our system – is eating itself alive. Occupy Wall Street is like the kid in the fairy story saying what everyone knows but is afraid to say: The emperor has no clothes. The system is broken. Think about the promise of global market capitalism. If we let the system work, if we let the rich get richer, if we let corporations focus on profit, if we let pollution go unpriced and unchecked, then we will all be better off. It may not be equally distributed, but the poor will get less poor, those who work hard will get jobs, those who study hard will get better jobs and we'll have enough wealth to fix the environment. What we now have – most extremely in the U.S. but pretty much everywhere – is the mother of all broken promises," Gilding adds. "Yes, the rich are getting richer and the corporations are making profits – with their executives richly rewarded. But, meanwhile, the people are getting worse off – drowning in housing debt and/or tuition debt – many who worked hard are unemployed; many who studied hard are unable to get good work; the environment is getting more and more damaged; and people are realizing their kids will be even worse off than they are. "This particular round of protests may build or may not, but what will not go away is the broad coalition of those to whom the system lied and who have now woken up. It's not just the environmentalists, or the poor, or the unemployed. It's

most people, including the highly educated middle class, who are feeling the results of a system that saw all the growth of the last three decades go to the top 1 percent." Not so fast, says John Hagel III, who is the co-chairman of the Center for the Edge at Deloitte, along with John Seely Brown. In their recent book, "The Power of Pull," they suggest that we're in the early stages of a "Big Shift," precipitated by the merging of globalization and the Information Technology Revolution. In the early stages, we experience this Big Shift as mounting pressure, deteriorating performance and growing stress because we continue to operate with institutions and practices that are increasingly dysfunctional – so the eruption of protest movements is no surprise.

Yet, the Big Shift also unleashes a huge global flow of ideas, innovations, new collaborative possibilities and new market opportunities. This flow is constantly getting richer and faster. Today, they argue, tapping the global flow becomes the key to productivity, growth and prosperity. But to tap this flow effectively, every country, company and individual needs to be constantly growing their talents. "We are living in a world where flow will prevail and topple any obstacles in its way," says Hagel. "As flow gains momentum, it undermines the precious knowledge stocks that in the past gave us security and wealth. It calls on us to learn faster by working together and to pull out of ourselves more of our true potential, both individually and collectively. It excites us with the possibilities that can only be realized by participating in a broader range of flows. That is the essence of the Big Shift."

Yes, corporations now have access to more cheap software, robots, automation, labor and genius than ever. So holding a job takes more talent. But the flip side is that individuals – individuals – anywhere can now access the flow to take online courses at Stanford from a village in Africa, to start a new company with customers everywhere or to collaborate with people anywhere. We have more big problems than ever and more problem-solvers than ever. So there you have it: Two master narratives – one threat-based, one opportunity-based, but both involving seismic changes.

Gilding is actually an optimist at heart. He believes that while the Great Disruption is inevitable, humanity is best in a crisis, and, once it all hits, we will rise to the occasion and produce transformational economic and social change (using tools of the Big Shift). Hagel is also an optimist. He knows the Great Disruption may be barreling down on us, but he believes that the Big Shift has also created a world where more people than ever have the tools, talents and potential to head it off. My heart is with Hagel, but my head says that you ignore Gilding at your peril. You decide. □



One girl's courage



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KENEMA, Sierra Leone – Early one morning, I came across the actress Eva Mendes, crying. She said that she was overwhelmed by all the girls she had met here in Sierra Leone who had been raped – and by her inability to help. Mendes and I had just arrived here in West Africa to collaborate on a PBS documentary on some inspiring women around the world. In our first full day of reporting, we had met 3- and 4-year-old girls who had been raped. It was heartbreaking, yet we ultimately found a hint of progress, partly because of the grit of a 15-year-girl, Fulamatu.

A ninth-grader and star of her class, Fulamatu dreams of going to university and becoming a bank manager.

Living right next door is Victor S. Palmer, a 41-year-old Pentecostal pastor and friend of her family, so close that Fulamatu calls him "uncle." Yet, one day in May, Fulamatu says, the pastor threw her on his bed and raped her.

"I was scared, so I didn't tell my parents," Fulamatu remembered. He continued the attacks, she said, and she became sick and lost weight. Finally, after two other girls reported that the pastor had tried to rape them, her parents confronted her. Fulamatu told

them that she had been repeatedly raped, and a doctor determined that she had a severe case of gonorrhea.

Fulamatu wanted to prosecute the pastor, and I watched as she made her statement to the police. She was scared and embarrassed but also determined.

The police set out to arrest the pastor, but they couldn't find him. That's when Fulamatu had an idea: If I, as a foreigner, called his cellphone, he might agree to meet.

After concluding that it would be a mistake to let an alleged rapist go free if I could prevent it, I telephoned the pastor. I introduced myself and asked to see him that afternoon. When he showed up, the police grabbed him.

The pastor firmly denied all charges. At the police station, he told me that he had never had sex, forced or consensual, with Fulamatu or tried to rape the other girls. He could not explain why the girls would say that he had attacked them.

That evening, the neighborhood celebrated outside the police station. One girl after another came up to me and described how the pastor had been preying on girls. Fulamatu was thrilled at the prospect of justice. Impunity seemed to be eroding.

Yet progress is agonizingly slow, and the International Rescue Committee says that only one-half of 1 percent of the rapes it deals with in Sierra Leone lead to convictions. I soon saw the challenges firsthand.

After Palmer was arrested, his family members came calling on Fulamatu's family. They prostrated themselves before Fulamatu's feet and begged forgiveness.

Under pressure, Fulamatu's father announced that he forgave the pastor.

Fulamatu's mother told me that the family would not testify against Palmer at a trial.

The police moved on their own and released the pastor. He is now

free again.

"This is very common," Amie Kandeh of the International Rescue Committee, who battles sexual violence here, told me. She routinely sees cases dropped.

Then it got worse.

Fulamatu's father, humiliated by the furor surrounding his daughter, threatened to evict her from their house.

Her mother prepared to send Fulamatu to a remote village with no school. It looked as if Fulamatu would be forced to end her studies and have her life's hopes destroyed.

I left Fulamatu my cellphone so that she could contact me for help if necessary.

That evening she phoned: Her father had kicked her out on the street. Then her parents confiscated the phone.

It's because of girls like Fulamatu that I want Congress to pass the International Violence Against Women Act.

It wouldn't solve all the problems, but it would encourage countries like Sierra Leone to take sexual violence more seriously. And shining a light on oppression helps overcome it.

For Fulamatu, the situation is in flux. Under pressure, the family grudgingly took her back in, and the International Rescue Committee is helping her.

Mendes is hoping to pay for her to go to a boarding school, where she could get an education and be safe.

There is so much in this case to shed angry tears about. Yet Fulamatu herself, while utterly humiliated, is dry-eyed and strong. She misted only when I grabbed her by the shoulders and told her that she had done nothing wrong. It's worth emulating her toughness and resolve as the path to change. As more girls show Fulamatu's courage, we can someday break taboos about sexual violence and inch toward a global recognition that it is more shameful to rape than to be raped. □

The worldly mussel

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Mussels, steamed in the shell, are ideal for cooking at home, especially for those of us with small kitchens. They're completely satisfying, they are relatively cheap and they couldn't be easier. And there's something wonderful about bringing a big pot of mus-



Steamed mussels in a pan-Asian green curry paste with ginger, garlic, lemon grass, coconut and hot pepper, in Berkeley, Calif. Steamed in the shell, mussels can support a variety of flavors and are ideal for cooking at home, especially for those of us with small kitchens.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

sels to the table. You really don't need much more than a loaf of bread, a bottle of wine and a green salad for a great casual meal. I'll never forget the first time I ate mussels, on a visit to the Pacific Coast a good number of years ago.

A friend showed me how to collect the briny mussels from a windswept spot on the rocky shoreline one sunny afternoon. They were covered in barnacles, holding tight to their native habitat with sturdy beards. Once scrubbed and scraped clean, they were thrown in a pot and splashed with white wine, garlic, butter and parsley. We plucked the meaty orange flesh from the black shells, mopping up the fragrant juices with a crusty baguette. Wild mussels, if you can get them, are marvelous, but so are farmed mussels, available worldwide. There are the tiny bouchot mussels popular in France, so-called blue mussels from Prince Edward Island and Maine, brown Mediterranean varieties in California and Washington, and giant green-lipped mussels from far off New Zealand. Unlike some other kinds of farmed seafood, aquaculture mussels, like

oysters, are sustainable as well as delicious. And the cultured kind require very little work on the part of the cook – just a quick rinse, the discarding of any with broken shells, and a removal of the byssus, or beard, which takes only a few minutes for several pounds of mussels. No major equipment is required, just a heavy-bot-

1 or 2 serrano chiles, split lengthwise

1/2 cup grated unsweetened coconut, fresh, dried or frozen

1 teaspoon Vietnamese fish sauce

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons brown sugar

1 4-inch stick fresh lemon grass, sliced 1/4-inch thick

4 pounds mussels

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 cup chicken broth, vegetable broth or water

3 or 4 scallions, thinly sliced

Lime wedges.

1. To make a green curry paste, put cilantro, ginger, garlic, chiles, coconut, fish sauce, salt, sugar and lemon grass in a blender or food processor. Blend to a coarse paste, adding a little ice water if necessary.

2. Rinse the mussels under cold water and remove the beards. Discard any mussels with broken shells, as well as any that are not tightly closed.

3. Melt the butter in a heavy-bottomed soup pot over a medium-high flame. Add the mussels and stir well to coat. Raise the heat to high, add the broth or water, and put on the lid. Cook for 2 minutes.



Steamed mussels are prepared in a small kitchen in Berkeley, Calif.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

more complex. They can support a world of flavors.

I steamed the mussels, stirred the mixture into the broth, then finished with a squeeze of lime and a handful of slivered scallions.

SPICY GREEN MUSSELS

Time: About 20 minutes

2 bunches cilantro, leaves and tender stems, coarsely chopped, about 2 cups

1 2-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and thickly sliced

2 garlic cloves

4. Add 1/2 cup of the green curry paste, stir well, and continue cooking for 4 to 5 minutes, until all of the mussels have opened. Sprinkle with the scallions.

5. Bring the pot to the table and serve in wide soup bowls, ladling some of the broth over the mussels, along with a squeeze of lime juice. Pass the remaining green curry paste separately, if desired.

Yield: 4 servings. □



A protester passes out slices of pizza to fellow demonstrators during the Occupy Wall Street protest in Zuccotti Park in New York. Protesters' food needs at the park are being met in a steady but unpredictable supply of donations from home cooks, food trucks, farmers, restaurants and markets.

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Want to get fat on Wall Street? Try protesting

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NEW YORK – After nearly two weeks of living among the Occupy Wall Street protesters in downtown Manhattan, Ellis Roberts, 25, a Pennsylvania garbage collector laid off last year, looked scruffy and dazed.

He was not, however, hungry.

"I've been here for 12 days, and I've put on 5 pounds," he said, sitting on the ground in front of a handmade sign that said "Class War Ahead." "I'm eating better than I do at home."

Like the rest of his anti-corporate comrades, Roberts learned soon after arriving in Zuccotti Park that his meals would be taken care of. All he had to do was amble toward a ramshackle cluster of tables and boxes in the middle of the park and, without paying a cent, grab a slice of pizza or a warm slab of homemade vegan casserole. Last Thursday he had encountered "a bunch of Katz's Deli sandwiches," he said. "That was good."

The makeshift kitchen has fed thousands of protesters each day. Along the way, it has developed a cuisine not unlike the Occupy Wall Street movement itself: free-form, eclectic, improvisatory and contradictory.

Requests for food go out on Twitter and various websites sympathetic to the protesters. And somehow, in spontaneous waves, day after day, the food pours in. The donations are received with enthusiasm, even when they are not precisely what the troops might have desired.

Robert Strype, 29, a protester from the Poughkeepsie, N.Y., area who was wearing a T-shirt that expressed his displeasure with Monsanto, said that anger about practices like factory farming and the genetic modification of vegetables was one of the factors that had roused him and some of his fellow occupiers.

"Food plays a huge part in this movement," he said. "Because people are tired of being fed poison."

That said, nobody was turning down any donations. Some, like the sudden arrival of a much-needed can opener, were greeted with whoops of gratitude. Others caused twinges of puzzlement.

"Someone gave us Spam" said Elliot Hartmann-Russell, 18, a volunteer who held up a can of the meat and stared at it while sorting through the donations. "I'm not going to eat it, but ..."

Tom Hintze, 24, was volunteering in Zuccotti Park last week. "Just now there was a big UPS delivery," he said. "We don't know where it comes from. It just appears, and we eat it." □